

Supreme Court Sends Freight Rate Boost Case Back To Board

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Santa Claus Special For Up-Island

Yuletide atmosphere for up-island people traveling home Christmas Eve will not be lost en route aboard Vancouver Island Coach Lines' "Santa Claus Special." Santa himself (Arthur "Pop" Manson) will see the travelers off at the depot and present each with a postcard-size picture of the decorated coach. It will leave Victoria at 5.15 Saturday afternoon, stop briefly at Duncan, and arrive at Nanaimo at 7.35.

Britain Authorizes Big Cheese Purchase

OTTAWA (CP)—Sir Andrew Jones, head of the British food mission, is understood to have received authority to negotiate for as much as \$27,000,000 worth of Canadian cheese in 1950.

This sum, total amount of dollars the United Kingdom has set aside for purchase of cheese in North America next year, may all come to Canada if this country and the U.K. can agree on price.

Previously, it was believed that only part of the money would be allocated to Canada, with the remainder going to the United States.

However, as a result of discussions between Anglo-Canadian negotiators, Sir Andrew was understood to have called the British Ministry of Food, requesting authority to proceed on the basis of spending the entire \$27,000,000 in Canada if Canadian prices could be trimmed to an agreeable level.

This sum would be almost twice the amount of money the U.K. spent for cheese in Canada this year. The 1949 contract called for the shipment of 50,000,000 pounds at 30 cents a pound.

With this new authority in his hands, Sir Andrew is negotiating both with the federal Agriculture Department and spokesmen for the cheese industry to bring Canadian prices down.

Sir Andrew is understood to be asking that the price be reduced to about 24 cents a pound. The agriculture department and the dairy industry are believed to be holding out for at least 27.

BIG OUTPUT EXPECTED

If Anglo-Canadian agreement can be reached, it may mean that most of the expected surplus of cheese next year may be shipped to the U.K. Canada is expected to produce some 130,000,000 pounds in 1950, of which more than 50,000,000 goes to the domestic market.

Completion of a contract with Britain may mean shipment of the 18,000,000 pounds in storage as well as a great part of the surplus that may become available next year.

However, even with a U.K. contract, the government still would take a loss. Since it paid 30 cents a pound for the 18,000,000 pounds, it stands to lose as much as \$1,000,000 if it sells at British prices.

Tropical Scratches

First Race—Elsan, Lucky Reward, Rube, Great Fun.

Second Race—Jam Pp, Untouchable, Charm Town, Lady Harp.

Third Race—Blue Bar, Glencles.

Fourth Race—Algie, Compassion, Bigand Better, Preoccupy.

Fifth Race—Hush Money, Not Me, Air Goods.

Eighth Race—Chargray, Reproduction.

Weather clear, track fast.

Airline Talks Adjourned For Governments' Review

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian-United States air-agreement discussions have been adjourned to permit detailed consideration of the situation by each government, it was announced today.

An announcement from the External Affairs Department said that while there was a general "area of agreement" at the talks, "certain questions have arisen regarding the interpretation of particular articles" of the air agreement signed by the two countries.

It has been decided to adjourn the talks until an early date to permit each government

to consider the other's position in greater detail.

The week-long conference, which was adjourned yesterday, took up the general question of civil aviation relations between the two countries.

The particular point of contention was the Montreal-New York air route. Canada was given the right to fly this route under agreements signed last June. However, Colonial Air Lines, which has had sole license on the direct route for 20 years, has been blocking the attempt by Trans-Canada Air Lines to gain a license for it.

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Supreme Court Now Supreme In Fact; New Judges Named

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada, in effect, will have two final courts of appeal for some time, possibly several years, Prime Minister St. Laurent said today.

He said the cabinet had ordered proclamation of the act that makes the Supreme Court of Canada supreme in fact as well as name. Any new legal cases that in the past would go to London now will go to the Canadian court he told a press conference.

However, litigation already launched towards final appeal could go before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London as Canadian cases have since Confederation. This could mean that cases would be going to London for some years.

Mr. St. Laurent said two new judges have been added to the Supreme Court to raise its membership to nine in line with its new responsibilities. They are John R. Cartwright of Toronto and Mr. Justice Gerald Fauteux of Montreal.

Both were prominent in the 1946 espionage probe. Mr. Fauteux was legal counsel to the Royal Commission which launched the probe. Mr. Cartwright was the No. 1 Crown prosecutor in the resulting trials. The cabinet's order for proclamation of the Supreme Court Act passed at the recent session of Parliament was issued Wednesday. It still has not been carried out but this process has started.

Elected President
PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Man. (CP)—W. Bradley was named president of the Portage la Prairie branch of the Civil Servants' Association at its annual meeting Wednesday.

Fairground Scratches

First Race—Queen Judy, Bright Arcosy, Spode, Tascosa, Bosque Fali, Benaddi.

Second Race—Paul W, Burgoos Gal, Cherkald, Old Bet, Flag Shifter, Aristocrat.

Seventh Race—Dixie Dinah, Ariel Pal, Silks Girl, Easy Spell, Best Trick.

Eighth Race—Battling Vixen, Dainty Heels.

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Yugoslavia To Call General Election

BELGRADE (AP)—Official sources said today Yugoslavia will hold its first general parliamentary election since 1945 in the near future. The date has not yet been set.

Under the constitution, the election must be held within two or three months after the expiration of the present government Jan. 31.

In the last elections on Nov. 11, 1945, opponents of Marshal Tito cast only about 10 per cent of the vote.

Yugoslavia marked its Army Day celebration Wednesday by accusing Russia of selling Tito second-hand arms and useless gunpowder at exorbitant prices.

New Romance

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Elizabeth Taylor's latest date is home-run king Ralph Kiner. The beautiful young actress showed up at a premiere Wednesday night with the Pittsburgh Pirates' slugger. The handsome Kiner is the second big name athlete among Liz' boy friends. She once was engaged to Glenn Davis, former army all-American halfback.

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Get Same Ride As Witnesses

Two Toronto newspapermen, Charles Coady, above, left, and Paul Smith, right, shown here with his daughter, met a hostile reception in Joliette, Que., where recent demonstrations against Jehovah Witnesses were staged. They got the same ride that two Ontario girls, Olive Lundell and Winnifred Parsons, both Witnesses, had got several days ago. Glen Howe, Toronto lawyer for the Witnesses, said he and another Witness, Paul Couture of Montreal, left town a few steps ahead of a howling mob. They left the Town Hall at Joliette, he said, and were pursued down the street. They got into taxi which drove them out of town, and were followed by their pursuers in cars.—(SNS Photo)

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Merritt is 218 miles northeast of Vancouver.

Ottawa Trade Plans Assume 1950 Exports Up To 1949's

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Mr. St. Laurent also:

1. Said Canada will not take any action on recognition of the Chinese Communists before the

Commonwealth conference in Ceylon Jan. 9.

2. Said the government's trade plans are based on the assumption that 1950 will be as good a year for Canadian exports as 1949.

Mr. St. Laurent announced no cabinet changes. He said the government had not yet had an opportunity to consider three acts, passed at the last session, to reshuffle the functions of three government departments.

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The High Court gave this opinion in handing down judgment on an appeal entered by the Canadian Pacific Railway from the board's decision, which had dealt with only part of the railway application for a general 20 per cent increase.

(A British United Press dispatch reported a C.P.R. spokesman in Montreal today as saying the Supreme Court's decision in upholding the company's freight-rates appeal merely "tosses the whole matter back to the Transport Board Commissioners.") (H. T. Coleman, of the C.P.R. public relations department, commented that the decision did not mean an immediate increase in the rates.)

The court ruling does not automatically upset the board's award, but it undoubtedly will result in a review of the decision by the board, the rate-regulatory body for the railways.

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The C.P.R. carried an appeal to the court on the claim that the transport commissioners had failed in their duty by not making a "final determination" of the railways' 1948 application for a general 20-per cent rate hoist.

In its decision filed last September, the board gave an "interim" 8-per cent increase and said it was deferring consideration of the full amount of the application until it had seen the report of the Royal Commission on Transportation and had completed some other rate studies of its own.

The Canadian Pacific contended these were not valid reasons for postponing a final statement, and it asked the court to rule that the board had failed in its statutory duty.

Rainbow Deludes Folks At Toronto

TORONTO (CP)—A brilliant rainbow appeared over Toronto at 8 a.m. today, but weather experts said it offered little promise of clearing skies.

They said they expected the rain which had drenched Toronto off and on for three days would come again later in the day when a band of showers from western Ontario reached here. Today's maximum temperature was predicted at 50 degrees.

However, a forecast of colder weather and some snowflurries following the rain held out hope of Christmas snow for this area, where lawns and streets are bare.

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DOES NOT QUALIFY

They appeared encouraged in their position by the stand taken Wednesday by Senator H. Vandenburg of Michigan, Republican foreign policy chieftain.

Vandenburg said the Red regime does not qualify for U.S. recognition, and would not until it had established complete control of the nation and has shown an ability and desire to uphold China's international obligations.

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Weather Forecast

Clear today with southwest winds 35 m.p.h. Variable cloudiness overnight with winds decreasing to 25 m.p.h. Clear Friday; continuing mild. Low tonight, 35; high Friday, 47.



Too Much Christmas

The attitude of this dozing damsel, seven-month-old Sharon Hart, probably reflects the feeling of her parents as the scene is being repeated in cities in Canada and throughout the civilized world these days with the Christmas shopping rush in full swing. This particular picture was snapped by an alert photographer in Memphis, Tenn.

Freight Rate Boost 'Unjust' To Railways

OTTAWA (CP)—An "injustice" was done the railways in the Sept. 20 freight-rate decision of the Board of Transport Commissioners, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled today.

The High Court issued an opinion that the board had failed to perform its duty when it deferred "final determination" of a railway application for a 20 per cent rate increase until the Royal Commission on Transportation could complete its work and the board could finish certain rate studies of its own. The board granted an 8 per cent "interim" increase Sept. 20, which the railways have applied.

Effect of the court ruling, while it does not upset the board's decision, will be to bring about a review of the award by the transport commissioners, who form the government's regulatory body for the railways.

The board could rewrite its decision to leave the 8 per cent increase in effect; it could grant a large increase, or it might reopen the case for the reception of more evidence by the railways and the provinces opposed to freight-rate boosts.

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Board Should Make Decision

"In my opinion," Mr. Justice Kellock wrote, "if anything involved in these matters was relevant to a determination of the application of the railways... it was for the board itself to make its own determination, and it was not competent to the board to await the investigation of such matters by some other body or to the passing by Parliament of some future legislation with respect to them. Such a decision involves, in my opinion, a declining of jurisdiction."

Further in its opinion, the court declared that to postpone decision on a case "by reason of matters which are entirely irrelevant to the proper discharge of the duty placed upon the board under the statute to decide these matters for itself amounts in effect to a refusal to function."

The court added it was "no answer to say... that it was always open to the railways to

public relations department commented that the decision did not mean an immediate increase in the rates.

A five-man panel of the court headed by Chief Justice Thibault Rinfret handed down a unanimous 3,600-word decision in the case, which was brought before it by the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Canadian National Railway, which had joined the C.P.R. and other lines in the original application, did not participate in the appeal.

The court's judgment, written by Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock and concurred in by the other four justices, accepted the C.P.R. view that the board's independent studies and the royal commission proceedings were irrelevant to the 20 per cent rate case.

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The International Joint Commission deals with disputes over boundary waters. For instance, they deal with the use of waters that flow both in Canada and the United States, with pollution of boundary waters and with proposed power developments on international rivers. Hon. James A. Glen and George Spence are the other Canadian members of the commission.

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U.S. May Strengthen Navy Forces In Pacific Waters

20 Flights In Day

Twenty flights within 11 hours will be the service for travelers between Victoria and Vancouver Saturday. It will be the largest number of flights between the two points in one day ever to be scheduled.

First flight is at 7.15 a.m., final take-off 11.30 at night. Extra flights will augment the regular eight-flight service throughout the Christmas week-end. Friday and Monday there will be 10 flights, and 18 are scheduled for Tuesday to handle return traffic.

Vancouver Motorists Face Big Fine Boosts

VANCOUVER (CP)—Vancouver motorists will face stiffer penalties for driving infractions after the 1949 calendar is discarded.

Magistrate Mackenzie Matheson announced today he had advised the Justice Department that minimum fines will be raised next year, in some cases as much as 600 per cent.

He pointed to police records for 1949. Forty deaths and more than 1,800 injuries. Property damage was estimated at approximately \$1,000,000.

Here are some of the new fines:

Drivers who exceed 30 miles an hour in city limits will pay not less than \$25 instead of \$15.

Fines for speeding in school zones will be raised from \$10 to \$15, but the fine for speeding in playgrounds will remain at \$15.

Traffic violations involving injury to persons will be dealt with more severely.

Fines for disobedience of traffic control signals have been raised from \$2.50 to \$15.

Assistant City Prosecutor Stewart McMorran said today: "It's getting worse and worse and we've got to do something to stop it."

B.C. Poultrymen To Discuss Means Of Saving Industry

VANCOUVER (CP)—Possible ways of saving British Columbia's \$20,000,000 poultry industry from loss will be discussed at a mass meeting early in the new year.

The meeting is planned by the Fraser Valley and Lower Main-

land poultrymen who will seek a permanent solution for the present price crisis.

Eric S. Flowerdew, president of the Langley Poultrymen's Association, said today members of Parliament for the area will be invited to the meeting.

Meanwhile, producers, dealers and provincial government officials are using every available means to induce the federal Department of Agriculture to place a floor price of 46 cents a dozen on eggs.

Evidently some aid will be forthcoming, but Agricultural Minister Gardiner has declined to say what this aid will be.

H. Bolivar, a member of the Poultry Industrial Council, said Wednesday night egg producers must have a government subsidy to survive.

Former Speakers Of Ottawa House In Privy Council

OTTAWA (CP)—The Liberal government today honored two Speakers of the Commons, who served during the term of the last Conservative government.

Prime Minister St. Laurent announced at a press conference that George Black, Speaker from Sept. 8, 1930, to Jan. 17, 1935, and J. L. Bowman, Speaker from Jan. 17, 1935, to Oct. 14, 1935, had been made members of the Privy Council. This gives them the title of honorable.

Mr. St. Laurent said the two were the only Speakers not appointed to the Privy Council at the end of their terms. The reason was that the Conservative government was defeated when the terms expired.

Mr. Black represented the Yukon almost continuously from 1921 to 1931 when Parliament was dissolved for a general election June 27. Mr. Black, 73-year-old native of Woodstock, N.B., decided not to contest the election.

Mr. Bowman, 70, a native of Thornhill, Ont., represented the constituency of Dauphin, Man., from 1930 to 1935. He took over the Speakership when Mr. Black became ill during his term.

Acquires Shillelagh

VANCOUVER (CP)—There's probably an empty-handed Irishman here today. Police said motorist Frank Frederickson turned in a shillelagh, saying he had found it in his car after giving a man a ride.

Police Question Youths

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Squabble Settler

Dr. James B. Conant, president of Harvard University, above, has suggested the establishment of "courts" to judge disputes among scientists, engineers, military planners and politicians on matters affecting national defence and security of the U.S.

Britain Studies Revised Draft For U.S. Arms Aid

LONDON (AP)—The Foreign Office has under study a revised draft of an agreement for accepting arms aid from the United States, its spokesman said today.

"The American State Department made important changes in the original draft," the spokesman said. "These changes are under consideration here. They were designed to meet our objections to the wording of the original. New instructions have not yet been sent to our Ambassador in Washington."

Britain balked at the original draft submitted by the U.S. State Department to Atlantic Treaty countries wishing to share in the billion-dollar arms aid program.

Its objections were understood to concern two points:

1. Restricting the use of arms delivered under the agreement and the sale of similar weapons or equipment to other countries.

2. A provision raising the possibility that Britain must accept financial responsibility for American forces stationed in the United Kingdom.

State Secretary Acheson said in Washington new proposals had been made to Atlantic Treaty countries which objected to the original treaty drafts.

Claim Woman Threw Baby Into Furnace

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—Mrs. Louise Beauchamp, mother of six children, threw her new-born baby into a burning apartment house incinerator, police said today.

They quoted the 37-year-old woman as saying things were tough enough in her household at Christmas time without another mouth to feed.

Mrs. Beauchamp has six living children, ranging in age from five to 17. Police said she has been on relief since her husband left her six months ago.

Airways Expansion

WASHINGTON (AP)—A civil Aeronautics Board examiner recommended today approval of the proposed sale of American Overseas Airlines Inc. to Pan American Airways Inc. for \$17,450,000.

New Capilano Bridge Opens; Traffic Jams

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The new 150-foot bridge spans the Capilano River, which early this month flooded and tore out the old span. Two temporary Bailey bridges built by army engineers formed a temporary link between West and North Vancouver.

Cars began rolling over the bridge this forenoon after a bottleneck caused by the late opening of the eastern approach.

Reds In China Seen As Factor

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States Navy disclosed today that it is considering further strengthening of the Pacific Fleet.

This would be in addition to the recently ordered shift of two cruisers, the Juneau and the Rochester, from the Atlantic to the West Coast. It follows published reports that another carrier and a number of submarines are due to make similar shifts.

Replying to a reporter's question as to whether the navy plans any further strengthening of its Pacific forces in addition to the announced cruiser transfers, a spokesman said:

"This problem is under consideration—subject, of course, to internal and external conditions."

The spokesman did not specify the conditions that will affect the navy's decision.

Obviously, one important internal factor will be the amount of money the service has for ship operations.

And externally, an important element is bound to be the conflict that thus far has put Communists in command of virtually all of China's ports, except British-controlled Hongkong, and driven the Chinese Nationalists to the Island of Formosa.

NATIONALIST WARSHIPS

During and since the war, the Chinese Nationalists acquired a considerable number of light naval vessels. How many of these are still in their hands and based on Formosa is uncertain. Some are being used in the Nationalist blockade of the Communist-held port of Shanghai, in which U.S. merchant ships have been fired upon.

If the Nationalists still have the bulk of their navy and it remains loyal, it is credited here with being able to repel an invasion of Chinese Communists.

On the other hand, if substantial elements have gone over to the Reds or go over to them in the future, that would ease the way to invasion.

An important angle of the Communist sweep along China's coast, however, is the fact that it may provide additional strategic bases for Russia's numerous submarines.

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The yard engine was pushing the cars when they broke loose. It gave chase and was within 50 feet of the runaway cars when the crash occurred.

Haggerness was standing on the bumper, prepared to recouple the cars. He was crushed by a rebounding cattle car. The other trainmen escaped injury.

Merritt is 218 miles northeast of Vancouver.

S.A. Christmas Fund Lagging This Year

Annual Christmas Cheer Fund of the Salvation Army is hot progressing as well this year as it has in the past, Maj. M. C. Milley, public relations officer of the Victoria corps, announced at noon today.

He said the campaign today was about \$600 behind where it stood this time last year.

Money collected in the Christmas Cheer Fund is used to provide hampers of food to families within this community who are in hard straits financially.

Maj. Milley pointed out there were just as many families to care for this year as there were last, and that the price of food for hampers was not any lower.

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One Woman's Day

By NANCY HODGES

LAST-MINUTE RUSH
YESTERDAY I said that snow, colored lights and carols were essential Christmas ingredients for the proper seasonal spirit. I have come to the conclusion that there is still another which adds a zesty seasoning to it.

It is the last-minute shopping rush that seems to infect even the most methodical, shop-early enthusiasts like myself. No matter how carefully I plan ahead, invariably I find at the last minute that I have forgotten Great-aunt Martha's hug-tight or tobacco for Old Man Whatsit.

BY NO MEANS ALONE

IN THAT FAILING, I am evidently not alone, judging by the jams you get into in the stores these last few days before Christmas. Some of the biggest crowds are around the Christmas card counters or the counters where seasonal wrappings are sold.

But this is also the season of the year when you see men waiting at stocking counters or venturing, rather sheepishly, into lingerie departments in search of what-you-may-call-ems for the wee wife or girl friend, the choosing of which they have left till the last minute.

This is also the season of the year which men fear for another reason—as I was reminded when in a certain store the other day. It is the season for buying the Christmas tie for hubby or the boy friend.

THOSE CHRISTMAS TIES

FROM WHAT I saw of some purchases being made, the recipients are in for a blinding experience after they have fearfully and fumblingly opened the gaily decorated package on Christmas morning.

The little woman whose taste runs to "arty" drapes and convulsive patterns in the home lets it run riot when it comes to buying ties, it seems. The result is that many a poor man, who wouldn't be seen dead even in a simple spotted effect in the ordinary way, will be expected to appear in a nightmare-ish combination of whorls and loops and blobs, or else disport a leering mermaid astride a conch-shell around his neck.

FURS AND FURNITURE

THEN, IN THE CROWD, you come across the woman who can't make up her mind whether to buy a fur coat or a three-piece chesterfield—suit-as-hubby's gift to herself—and is still as uncertain three days before Christmas. The only thing she is certain about is that Pop will have to foot the bill, with as good a grace as possible.

The counters where they sell cosmetics and perfumes is another happy—or perhaps not so happy, at that—hunting-ground for last-minute male shoppers. Here you see callow youths "mortgaging their next week's pay in the purchase of some "devilish" perfume, or paterfamilias of staidier mien weighing the merits of this powder against that beauty cream.

DIME STORE BABBLE

BUT THE GREATEST impact of the last-minute rush seems to hit you in the dime stores, which are a veritable bedlam these days. Whether it's around the toys, the tree-lights, the Christmas cards and wrappings, the mob pushes and jostles its way.

Children linger and ask for this, that and the other, while harassed mothers, laden down with parcels, urge them to "come on or we'll miss the bus!" Gramophones play records, and some unseen musical instrument tinkles unceasingly—all adding to the noise and confusion.

As I overheard one man remarking to a girl who was with him: "I'm glad I don't work in here, I'd go nuts!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Capital City, No. 61, drawing—Winning numbers: 481, 1825, 320, 4832, 4549, 4828, 312, 219.

Chiropractor: W. J. Fraser, D.S.C., now located 107 Pemberton Building, B 3252.

Chiropractor: Donald Elder, D.C., X-Ray, 612 View Street, G 9613.

Chiropractor: D. B. Caird, D.S.C., 218 Pemberton Bldg. B 3732.

Is Santa Claus coming to your home? Remember that in Europe there are millions of children without food, parents or shelter. Anything you can spare to help them will be welcome. Donations may be sent to the United Nations Society, P.O. Box 1000, Victoria, B.C.

Oak Bay Beach Hotel — Gay and festive New Year's Eve dinner will be served on Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. An excellent concert by Victoria's popular artists, Grace and Pierre Timp, Edith McGill and Marilyn Bacon, will begin at 9 p.m. and will be followed by midnight refreshments. All inclusive price, \$3.50 per person. For reservations, call E 1137.

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Accidental Death In Shooting Of Mother

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Little Joe Langston, who quietly admitted "I shot my mommy," went back home Wednesday, a dollar bill clutched tightly in his hand.

Coroner William D. McClelland handed the five-year-old the money after declaring the death of Mrs. Helen Langston, 39, an accident.

"Take this out and buy some ice cream," he told Joe. "I hope Santa Claus is good to you."

Mrs. Langston was killed Tuesday in the bedroom of her home when she attempted to break up a fight between her two older sons, William, 18, and John, 17.

A bullet from a .22-calibre target pistol pierced her brain.

To Vote Again On Rejected By-law For New Schools

Percy E. Thorp, chairman of School Board District No. 63, reports that the rejected \$425,000 money by-law for schools probably will be placed before the ratepayers for another vote next April.

Although passed by the Saanich ratepayers in the district, the by-law was defeated by unorganized area of District 63 on Dec. 10. By-law was defeated by a margin of only 46 votes.

Plans for representation of the by-law will be discussed at a meeting of the school board Jan. 9. Mr. Thorp said discussions have been held with provincial government officials and that they agreed the by-law should be put again.

He said the by-law would be basically the same.

Purpose of the by-law is to provide new sites for new schools and additions and improvements to existing schools.

If the by-law is passed, the provincial government will grant a similar amount, making a total of \$850,000.

In pre-election addresses, Mr. Thorp emphasized the great importance of the passage of the by-law to provide school accommodation for an ever-expanding population in the district concerned.



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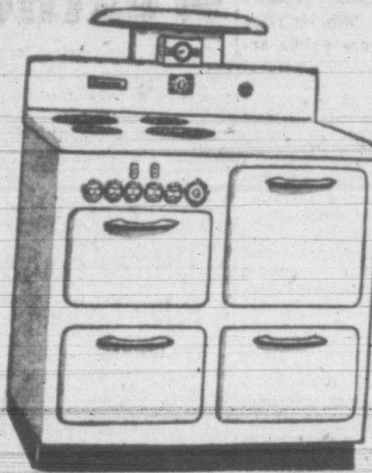
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Britain Authorizes Big Cheese Purchase

OTTAWA (CP)—Sir Andrew Jones, head of the British food mission, is understood to have received authority to negotiate for as much as \$27,000,000 worth of Canadian cheese in 1950.

This sum, total amount of dollars the United Kingdom has set aside for purchase of cheese in North America next year, may all come to Canada if this country and the U.K. can agree on price.

Previously, it was believed that only part of the money would be allocated to Canada, with the remainder going to the United States.

However, as a result of discussions between Anglo-Canadian negotiators, Sir Andrew was understood to have called the British Ministry of Food, requesting authority to proceed on the basis of spending the entire \$27,000,000 in Canada if Canadian prices could be trimmed to an agreeable level.

This sum would be almost twice the amount of money the U.K. spent for cheese in Canada this year. The 1949 contract

called for the shipment of 50,000,000 pounds at 30 cents a pound.

With this new authority in his hands, Sir Andrew is negotiating both with the federal Agriculture Department and with spokesmen for the cheese industry to bring Canadian prices down.

Sir Andrew is understood to be asking that the price be reduced to about 24 cents a pound. The agriculture department and the dairy industry are believed to be holding out for at least 27.

BIG OUTPUT EXPECTED

If Anglo-Canadian agreement can be reached, it may mean that most of the expected surplus of cheese next year may be shipped to the U.K. Canada is expected to produce some 130,000,000 pounds in 1950, of which more than 50,000,000 goes to the domestic market.

Completion of a contract with Britain may mean shipment of the 18,000,000 pounds in storage as well as a great part of the surplus that may become available next year.

However, even with a U.K. contract, the government will take a loss. Since it paid 30 cents a pound for the 18,000,000 pounds, it stands to lose as much as \$1,000,000 if it sells at British prices.

Yugoslavia To Call General Election

BELGRADE (AP)—Official sources said today Yugoslavia will hold its first general parliamentary election since 1945 in the near future. The date has not yet been set.

Under the constitution, the election must be held within two or three months after the expiration of the present government Jan. 31.

In the last elections on Nov. 11, 1945, opponents of Marshal Tito cast only about 10 per cent of the vote.

Yugoslavia marked its Army Day celebration Wednesday by accusing Russia of selling Tito second-hand arms and useless gunpowder at exorbitant prices.

Fire Kills Five

CHARLESTON, W. Va. (AP)—Five persons, including two children, died in a rooming-house fire here early today. The victims, all negroes, were Mrs. Katie Cora Winston, 38, and two of her children, Sammy, 3, and Beatrice, 2; Henry James, 42, and Eugene Clark, about 30.



Santa Claus Special For Up-Island

Yuletide atmosphere for up-island people traveling home Christmas Eve will not be lost en route aboard Vancouver Island Coach Lines' "Santa Claus Special." Santa himself (Arthur "Pop" Manson) will see the travelers off at the depot and present each with a postcard-size picture of the decorated coach. It will leave Victoria at 5:15 Saturday afternoon, stop briefly at Duncan, and arrive at Nanaimo at 7:35.

Airline Talks Adjourned For Governments' Review

OTTAWA (CP)—Canadian-United States air-agreement discussions have been adjourned to permit detailed consideration of the situation by each government. It was announced today.

An announcement from the External Affairs Department said that while there was a general "area of agreement" at the talks, "certain questions have arisen regarding the interpretation of particular articles" of the air agreement signed by the two countries.

It has been decided to adjourn the talks until an early date to permit each government to consider the other's position in greater detail.

The week-long conference, which was adjourned yesterday, took up the general question of

civil aviation relations between the two countries.

The particular point of contention was the Montreal-New York air route. Canada was given the right to fly this route under agreements signed last June. However, Colonial Air Lines, which has had sole license on the direct route for 20 years, has been blocking the attempt by Trans-Canada Air Lines to gain a license for it.

New Romance

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Elizabeth Taylor's latest date is home-run king Ralph Kiner. The beautiful young actress showed up at a premiere Wednesday night with the Pittsburgh Pirates' slugger. The handsome Kiner is the second big name athlete among Liz' boy friends. She once was engaged to Glenn Davis, former army all-American halfback.

Weather

Official forecasts issued by the Dominion Public Weather Office in Vancouver at 9 a.m. P.S.T., Dec. 22.

Synopsis—Mild weather is returning to the British Columbia coast this morning as a rapidly moving Pacific storm travels eastward across the province. Brief clearing has taken place over the northern coast in the wake of the storm. However, increasing cloudiness is expected in these regions again today. As much as four or five inches of fresh snow have fallen in sections of the interior and snowflurries will persist in these regions for more of the day. Prospects are beginning to look very poor for a white Christmas over southeast Vancouver Island and the lower mainland.

Regional forecasts, valid until midnight Friday.

Vancouver City—Cloudy and mild today and Friday. Few sunny intervals both afternoons. Light winds. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Vancouver airport 35-45.

Victoria City—Cloudy, clearing this afternoon. Variable cloudiness tonight and clear tomorrow. Continuing mild. Winds southwest 35 today, decreasing to southwest 25 overnight. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Victoria 35-47.

Lower Fraser Valley Region—Cloudy and mild today and Friday, widely scattered showers today. Light winds. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Abbotsford 35-40.

Strait of Georgia Region—Cloudy and mild today and Friday. Occasional sunny intervals both afternoons. Light northwest winds. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Nanaimo 35-42.

West Coast Vancouver Island Region—Cloudy today and Friday. Little change in temperature. Winds northwest 20 today, decreasing to light this evening. Low tonight and high tomorrow at Estevan 40-47.

	Min.	Max.	Precip.
Montreal	26	46	40
Toronto	26	46	40
Port Arthur	1	13	
Kenora	2	22	
Winnipeg	-11	2	
Brandon	-13	9	
The Pas	-15	21	11
Regina	-20	15	51
Saskatoon	-27	15	
Prince Albert	-29	6	
North Battleford	-25	-10	
Swift Current	-17	19	
Medicine Hat	-10	25	
Calgary	3	32	51
Edmonton	-6	2	53
Regina	13	21	11
Vancouver	32	36	34
Victoria	35	47	39
Kimberley	-6	10	
Okanagan Valley	9	19	
Prince Rupert	3	41	51
Prince George	21	34	45
Seattle	40	44	50
Portland	44	46	50
Chicago	30	45	50
San Francisco	52	57	59
Los Angeles	58	61	58
Whitehorse	22	17	59
New Westminster	33	36	35

Boards Appointed For Six Mainland Labor Disputes

Appointment of six conciliation boards in an effort to solve mainland disputes was announced today by the Labor Relations Board.

The appointments are: D'Arcy J. Baldwin, chairman; W. L. Macken and Herbert Gargrave, for dispute between Canada Packers Ltd. (South Sumas Plant) and United Packinghouse Workers of America, Local 430, representing 100 employees, over hours of work, overtime, vacations with pay, maintenance of union membership and seniority.

J. Edwin Eades, chairman; Larkham Collins and Alderman R. K. Gervin, for a dispute between Aristocratic Restaurants (1947) Ltd. and the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union, Local 28, over wages and working conditions.

M. H. McGeough, chairman; J. H. Ruddock and Dan Radford, for a dispute between Vancouver Trunk and Bag Ltd. and Vancouver Trunk and Bag Industrial Workers' Union, Local 1, over wages and bonuses.

Percy Gentry, chairman; J. D. Ross and W. A. Brown, for a dispute between Patternmakers' Association of Vancouver and Vicinity, District 9, and eight Vancouver foundries over wages, holidays and union shop provisions.

F. J. Lynn, chairman; J. H. Ruddock and Herbert Gargrave, for a dispute between Brackman-Ker Milling Co. Ltd., Vancouver, and the United Packinghouse Workers of America, Local 412, representing 175 employees in Vancouver, New Westminster, Chilliwack, Cloverdale and Langley, over union security.

40-hour work week, statutory holidays and job classification.

M. H. McGeough, chairman; Wilfred Hill and P. Baskin, for a dispute between Wilfred Hill, carrying on business under firm names of Westminster Welding Co., Westminster Spring Co., Welders' Supply Co. and Hillside Iron Works Ltd., New Westminster, and the United Steelworkers of America, Local 3495, over holidays, wage increases and institution of medical health plan.

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Rainbow Deludes Folks At Toronto

TORONTO (CP)—A brilliant rainbow appeared over Toronto at 8 a.m. today, but weather experts said it offered little promise of clearing skies.

They said they expected the rain which had drenched Toronto off and on for three days would come again later in the day when a band of showers from western Ontario reached here. Today's maximum temperature was predicted at 50 degrees.

However, a forecast of colder weather and some snowflurries following the rain held out hope of Christmas snow for this area, where lawns and streets are bare.

Gives Up Position

NEW YORK (AP)—Henry R. Luce stepped down Wednesday as editor of Time magazine, a job he had held since the news magazine first appeared in March, 1923.

Luce named Thomas S. Mat-

Nevada Casino Closed For Refusal To Pay \$47,000 In Winnings

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—This wide-open town was buzzing today over the action of the city commission in closing down a gambling casino on the ground that it had refused to pay off \$47,000 won at the crap table by the manager of another club.

The gist of reports to the commission was that Jack Durant, casino manager at the swank Flamingo Hotel, walked into the Savoy Club in the centre of Las Vegas last Sunday and uncorked a phenomenal winning streak.

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Vancouver Dispute To Go Before Officer

R. Forgie, Vancouver conciliation officer, will assist the Vancouver News-Herald Ltd. and Sun Publishing Co. Ltd., and the Vancouver Typographical Union Local 226 in negotiations of a collective agreement, the Labor Relations Board announced today.

The dispute, involving 160 employees, is over the union's requests for wage adjustments, paid annual vacations and paid statutory holidays.

MacArthur Scores Soviets For Callous 'Hypocrisy'

TOKYO (AP)—Gen. MacArthur today denounced "callous" Soviet "hypocrisy" and started a move for independent investigation of the fate of 376,000 missing Japanese war prisoners captured by the Russians.

He said he had requested Washington to begin negotiations for an investigation either by a neutral power or the International Red Cross.

The U.S. occupation commander issued one of his strongest attacks against the Soviets after a Russian walkout of the Allied Council for Japan Wednesday. This was followed by renewed Russian charges the United States was assisting the revival of Japanese fascism.

The Soviet mission was under determined siege by 200 Japanese representatives of anxious relatives of missing war prisoners. They were told the Soviet answer to requests for information on further repatriation "appeared in this morning's papers." Presumably this referred to a letter charging "oppression" by the Japanese government which Lt. Gen. Kuza Derevyanko, head of the Soviet mission, addressed to MacArthur.

MacArthur said the letter showed "a callousness of hypocrisy I can not fail to denounce." He termed it a smokescreen to distract attention from the repatriation issue.

W. J. Sebald, head of the occu-

Ottawa Trade Plans Assume 1950 Exports Up To 1949's

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent today announced proclamation of the act making in the Supreme Court the final court of appeal.

Mr. St. Laurent also:

1. Said Canada will not take any action on recognition of the Chinese Communists before the Commonwealth conference in Ceylon Jan. 9.

2. Said the government's trade plans are based on the assumption that 1950 will be as good a year for Canadian exports as 1949.

Mr. St. Laurent announced no cabinet changes. He said the government had not yet had an opportunity to consider three acts, passed at the last session, to reshuffle the functions of three government departments.

SESSION OUTLOOK

Date for the next session of

Parliament had not yet been fixed. He hoped it would be possible to call the session early in the New Year so the work could be completed before "it gets too hot." There will have to be a "brief interval" between the Jan. 10 Dominion-Provincial constitutional conference and the session, said Mr. St. Laurent.

He did not know how long the Dominion-Provincial conference would last. The first plenary session would be held in the Commons Jan. 10. It would be up to the conference to decide whether other sessions should be held in public or in private. He felt that nothing can be done to amend the constitution on matters under provincial jurisdiction unless a unanimously acceptable formula is reached.

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IS PEACE SO DIFFICULT?

FORTUNATELY FOR THE FUTURE OF the human race there are still left a few leaders of public thought who are able to appeal to popular sentiment in simple phrases. One such is Brigadier-General Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines, who suggested at Lake Success earlier this week that the "Big Five" powers and Canada concentrate on framing some kind of stop-gap plan that might bring a halt to an atomic arms race.

This brilliant and conscientious internationalist, obviously seriously perturbed by the trend of world affairs, has no particular axe to grind, no political purpose to serve, since he is only concerned about those measures the adoption of which would further the cause of universal peace.

Those of us who listened to Brigadier-General Romulo when he delivered his famous speech in the early days of the United Nations Conference in San Francisco in the Spring of 1945 were electrified by this ebullient and diminutive spokesman for the Philippines when he said with a striking dramatic posture, "I have just come from the fox holes of the Pacific . . . let us make this the last battleground."

It was a simple phrase. It came from the heart and soul of a man who had tasted the horrors of war at first hand. So great was the applause, so stirring to the emotions, so genuine the implications of his declaration, that the proceedings in the great Opera House were halted for several minutes. In the period which has elapsed since then this apostle of common sense and practical collaboration between nation and nation has neither varied in his outlook on life nor missed an opportunity to recapitulate his theme in behalf of the basic principles inherent in the document to which his country and nearly half a hundred other nations appended their signatures.

What must be confusing the great majority of the world's population of about two billion souls is why in this year of grace, 1949, it seems so difficult for national leaders to direct their policies along those channels of thought which could be set against the machinations of the relatively few who still control the reins of international diplomacy.

We know, Brigadier-General Romulo knows, the architects of modern western democracy know, that the great stumbling block in the way to realization of the hope to which the Philippine representative gave voice in the most dramatic manner at San Francisco is the obstreperous conduct of the representatives of the Soviet Union.

It is to be regretted that there does not appear on the international horizon any kind of persuasion calculated to influence the men in charge of affairs at the Kremlin, either in the interests of Russia and the Russian people in particular, or of the peoples of the universe in general. It is unfortunate that these facts have to be emphasized to bring the world picture into proper perspective. Nevertheless, the stern facts of an unhappy state of affairs remain.

The average man on the street, of course, no matter where domiciled, must be wondering why it is that, after two world wars within a generation, there is not sufficient intelligence available for translation into a new type of international politics that would give the fullest possible force and effect to that famous Briand-Kellogg Pact of 1928, when the representatives of nearly 30 nations assembled in Paris and pledged themselves to "outlaw war as an instrument of national policy."

An appropriate footnote to the foregoing is the hope that, at long last, the injunction voiced by Brigadier-General Romulo at San Francisco will be heeded.

FOR THE ASKING

THERE IS SOMETHING OF THE QUALITY of an Arabian Nights' Dream in a news item that comes from the little town of Calexico, on the California-Mexico border. And there is something, too, of a deeper significance—an aspect of the great contrast that is daily exhibited in the lives of mankind, wherein atomic bombs and Christmas presents, good deeds and hate campaigns are inextricably interwoven into the pattern of modern existence.

Thus we have the story of the little boy in Calexico—he didn't even sign his name—who wrote Santa Claus; care of the United States Post Office, asking for a fall of snow as the one thing that would complete his happiness. No snow had fallen in his home town since 1932, and he wanted to be able to enjoy snowballs and snowmen like the boys farther north. The request was passed to the Chamber of Commerce, who decided to do something about it.

Consequently, on Christmas Eve planes of the Border Flying Service will circle overhead carrying loads of the white stuff freighted from California mountain areas. By means of crop-dusting apparatus it will be showered down on the little community. Surely no boy ever expressed a more improbable Christmas wish to Santa Claus. Surely no more worthy feeling ever moved the heavy wheels of officialdom, to bring the wish to reality. And surely the wonders of modern science have been put to

no more pleasant task than the creation of a snow storm to please a little lad at Yuletide.

NOT JUST THE PRIZE

FROM A CITY UNACUSTOMEDLY EXposed to the winter of ice and snow, Canada's British Empire Games team sails today to the summer of New Zealand with the sincere wishes of fellow citizens that their efforts in the athletic field will be crowned with success. It is a fine group of young ambassadors that this country is sending to the southern Dominion. Victoria is particularly happy that its representation is so strong on the squad and looks with confidence to its daughters and sons to maintain the tradition of sportsmanship which Canada enjoys in international meets.

If our athletes triumph on the field, so much the better. We in Canada have a proud tradition in the Empire Games since their inauguration in Hamilton in 1930. That was the occasion on which Percy Williams tore a groin muscle in the final of the hundred yards dash but still managed to limp to victory. It was the meet in which Montreal's Munroe Bourne—a young man with Victoria connections—kicked foam in the face of opposing swimmers as he won the sprints, and in which Toronto's Alfie Phillips led a corps of Canadian divers to sweeping triumphs over other members of the Commonwealth.

Against the numerical superiority of the host nation, it may be too much to expect similar achievements from Canada's 1950 team. But it is not too much to look forward to the accomplishment of the purpose set forth by manager Major Jack Davies in Vancouver this week. He noted the emphasis placed on winning in recent international events. To that he added the sage rejoinder that "the purpose of these games should be to foster good sportsmanship among the visiting athletes."

In short form, that sentiment expresses the viewpoint of those who have given the question of international athletic contests anything more than cursory study. In it are all the implications of good diplomacy and of satisfactory relationships between different peoples. If a game is worth playing, it is worth playing to win, of course. But the prize should not be held above the game. The job of our athletes in New Zealand will be to do their utmost to take first, second and third places. But, in doing that, they should try to convince their opponents that they understand the true values that lie in athletics and competition—wholesome characteristics which can do much to bring closer together the people who compete, not set them further apart through injudicious emphasis on differences that are promoted in the heat of competition.

LEAVE IT A MEMORY

IT IS THE HOPE OF DANCER FRED Astaire that the Charleston, that terpsichorean eccentricity of an earlier post-war era, is not coming back. The light-footed not-so-young man voiced that sentiment as a result of a revival of the step, or series of steps, at college dances, society parties and in Broadway shows. We hope Mr. Astaire is right in considering the renewed interest merely a flash in the pan—but for a different reason.

The gray blades and willowy winsomes who contorted their ways through the Charleston in the 20's must look back with some affection on the departed days the steps recall. Should the dance regain popularity, it would inevitably decoy old practitioners back onto the floor for another whirl. They are content, now, to wait sedately, if not gracefully, through older forms and to take their places on the sidelines when the jitterbugs of the current generation whip through acrobatic routines. But set the Charleston going again, and like old fire horses, they would bound into the fray. That is our objection to a revival. We are having enough trouble trying to find a cure for arthritis and rheumatism without encouraging more strained and torn muscles that would automatically develop among oldsters responding to the siren call of an earlier youth.

QUESTION ANSWERED

IT SHOULD COME AS SOMETHING OF a surprise to the people of the United States to learn that Congressmen "quite generally" maintain persons on their payrolls who do not work for them or for the government. The case of Representative Parnell Thomas, now serving a prison sentence for padding his payroll with non-existent employees, is, of course, freshly in mind. But Republican Representative Usher L. Burdick of North Dakota has revealed to a news reporter that similar practices are quite common, although he disclaims knowledge as to whether the politicians accept "kick-backs" from the proceeds of these wrongfully paid salary cheques. But most noteworthy of the Congressman's remarks for publication was the comment that he did not know whether such payroll padding was "illegal," although he was sure that "the people don't like it."

Public morality must have reached a serious state in Washington, to say nothing of North Dakota. If an elected representative of the people must confess doubt as to whether application for government funds to pay people who do not exist, or who do not have any recognized claim for payment, is "illegal" or not, Mr. Burdick should let his conscience be his guide and he will no longer be dubious on the point.

Gargantua, the ape, had many things wrong with him. That's usually the price of civilization.

Walter Lippmann

Written in London

IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT IN ASIA

THE TERMS of the conflict with the Soviet revolution are radically different in Europe and in Asia. One becomes aware of a difference traveling from Rome through Athens to Istanbul and Ankara. The Italian, the Greek, and the Turkish governments are all sharply aligned. Nevertheless the spirit and character of their resistance are obviously not the same.

At first I felt the difference without being able to define it for myself. But after a while I rediscovered what many have said before: That Communism in the Lenin-Stalin form is far less revolutionary and alien in Asia than it is in Europe and in the countries which take their religion and philosophy and culture, their institutions and their fundamental laws, from the ancient Mediterranean civilization.

AMONG THEM the Communism is an alien force attempting to impose its will upon people habituated to a different way of life. As against Soviet Communism most Europeans, even a growing number of European Communists, are essentially conservatives, defenders, that is to say, of some part of the institutions and principles of western Christendom.

For that reason, though there were brief Communist insurrections after the First World War, the Soviet system has never been established in any European country except where the Russian army was able to crush the national resistance—or where, as in Czechoslovakia, the national leaders believed that the Russian army would crush them if they resisted. Thus the defence of Europe against Communism has been primarily a military problem; that of interdicting the advance of the Red army. And by the same token that restoration of Europe depends primarily upon the withdrawal of the Red Army.

BUT IN ASIA the resistance to Communism does not spring from the instincts and tradition of the masses. It is led by a westernized elite and it is rooted in the class and the caste structure of the ancient societies of Asia. The resistance of the masses is not to be counted upon except when Communists appear as the advance agents of a new wave of conquering peoples—specifically as Russians who would for the eighth or ninth time try to become masters of Turkey, or as Chinese who would conquer and exploit southeast Asia. It is Russian or Chinese imperialism and not the Communist ideology and practice, which can arouse popular resistance.

For the masses of Asia have known little or nothing of freedom, or of the gospel of the equality of human persons, much less of democracy and representative government and the rights of men and women.

THUS totalitarianism, the police state and arbitrary government, which are what the westerners, even western Communists find intolerable in the Soviet system, are neither new nor strange in Asia. They are old and familiar. They are the normal lot of men. Between Chinese warlords and Chinese commissars, between Chiang and Mao, between the one-party system of the Kuomintang and the one-party system of the Communists, between an oligarchy ruling from a palace and a Politburo installed in the same palace, the difference to the masses of the people is not nearly so evident as we might wish to believe.

INDEED, where the western way of life has really begun to penetrate Asia, the impact is more profoundly revolutionary upon the habits and the customs of the people than is the Stalinist version of Communism. A new set of masters is no novelty in a continent that has known an endless succession of invaders and conquerors. What would be really new and revolutionary in Asia would be that the people should begin to believe that they have no masters, except those they themselves choose and can remove. For that idea would disturb, is in fact disturbing and dissolving, not merely political systems but the inner structure of the family, the clan and the tribe.

THE DRAMA of Asia, as I see it, turns upon the fact that in the past 50 years the whole existing system of government has been broken down by wars, occupation, revolution, corruption and decay. Less than 50 years ago—a short time anywhere, a mere moment in the Orient—the continent of Asia was governed by the Ottoman, the Romanoff, the Manchu, the Japanese, the British, the Dutch, the French and the Portuguese empires. All have dissolved and are disappearing. The question everywhere is who is to succeed them, who is to inherit their sovereign power to govern.

THE ANSWERS to the question are, and must long remain, tentative. In China for the time being, which may be quite a long time, the answer is one which we find disconcerting in the extreme. In southeast Asia there is as yet no answer, but perhaps with great wisdom and energy we may yet contribute to the answer. Only in Turkey, Pakistan and India—the three principal powers of southern Asia—can it be said with reasonable confidence that the conditions are not unfavorable to the formation of governments which are friendly to the west and can hope to endure.

But they will need a very enlightened sympathy from the nations of the western world. They will need that as much as, for the long run perhaps even more than, they need a military guaranty against aggression and material help in making somewhat more tolerable their standard of life.

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Smart Guys Don't Run Down Santa Claus, Either!



As Our Readers See It

WOULD EXCHANGE STAMPS I am anxious to correspond with philatelists and people interested in collecting stamps in Canada, and would be pleased to exchange either mint or used Australian stamps for Indian.

I would be grateful if this communication could be published in the correspondence columns of the Victoria Daily Times.

R. BURROWS.

321 Liverpool Street, Hobart, Tasmania.

AN ICY BLAST!

This is an open letter sent to Mr. Joe Dutkowski, manager of the Memorial Arena, which we have been asked to publish:

"It is with much concern that I read an article whereby the Sunday morning Junior Hockey League may have to be disbanded because of the Victoria Ministerial Association.

"I was of the opinion the Arena was built for the youth of Victoria as a monument to the youth of Victoria who fought and died to uphold our Democracy. What is this then but Dictatorship, when this Association can say when the Junior boys are going to play hockey? When is there a better time for them to play? The space and time at the arena is so limited I doubt if there is any more favourable time for them,

and I venture to say it would be the wish of all those who so gallantly died to have the Juniors playing on Sunday morning.

"What is the matter with the Victoria Ministerial Association that they do not want the kiddies of all people to play on Sunday morning? If it were a professional league play I could see the sense of it. What better method have we to create good citizens than to encourage good clean sportsmanship amongst our Junior citizens? In my opinion there would be far less child delinquency if more sport attractions were available to the young on week-ends. Is Victoria going to continue to sleep and let the Victoria Ministerial Association dictate to them?"

"I would suggest this is a challenge to the Victoria Junior Chamber of Commerce or some other worthy organization to take it upon themselves to see that the Juniors are allowed to play on Sunday mornings, and I would be only too pleased to aid them in any way possible."

J. W. LORD
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REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

Very soon now Canada will relinquish her seat on the Security Council of the United Nations. Before this happens, "We, the people . . ." hope General

McNaughton will stand up and ask that the considered opinion of the International Court of Justice be requested on the legality of the North Atlantic Pact.

What is a "regional arrangement" or a "regional agency"? The Charter of the United Nations does not define these vague expressions. Article 96 has the answer.

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Such a venture, which cannot be undertaken without considerable expense, and which, as the Dean so ably said, cannot be appreciated by cash payment only, shows us all that our Community still desires to hear a worthy rendering of this great work.

DR. R. FELTON.

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By HARRISON W. FRY, North American Newspaper Alliance

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Through the ages many peoples and many cultures have given their contribution to Christmas, which has become a part of our culture. Santa Claus came to us by way of Italy, Germany and Holland.

Back in the Fourth Century in Italy, there was a rich young man named Nicholas, who went about secretly placing coins and gifts in the homes of poor people. Later he became a bishop of the Church and eventually, because of his good acts, St. Nicholas. Santa Claus is merely the Anglicized way of saying St. Nicholas.

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The Jews have contributed the candles to Christmas, and Christ, Himself, was a Jew. At the time of his birth, candles were twinkling in the homes of Nazareth and Bethlehem in celebration of Hannukah—the feast of lights.

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The mince pie was the contribution of the English to our Christmas—its rich content of spices was symbolic of the rich gifts of spices from the Magi. Turkey is probably North America's distinctive contribution to the great day.



By DeWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press News Analyst

A NEW and startling viewpoint of Prime Minister Stalin's amazing birthday is being discussed editorially by newspapers on both sides of the Atlantic—an angle which is summed up by the New York Herald Tribune under the heading of "the Soviet delirium."

This theme is developed in general along the line that mankind needs a spiritual anchor, and that atheistic communism therefore is delirious Stalin. That theory has a special interest for this column, which many times has pointed out that virtually all peoples, including primitive savages, believe in some kind of god.

We also are reminded that one frequently hears communism referred to as "a religion," meaning that it is a way of life which is calculated to take the place of religion. But let the editorials tell their story. The Herald Tribune says in part:

"Karl Marx would be more than astonished, he would be stupefied if he could witness the scenes today being enacted around one-half the globe in idolatrous adulation of a creed supposed to be his and of its principal present representative on earth. . . . The iconoclast scholar who gruffly announced that religion is the opium of the people could not have conceived that the unpredictable and unfathomable human spirit would have constructed out of his own writings, a bare hundred years later, an amazing parody of all the great religious ideas, appointing Marx himself as a kind of remote god, with the child of a humble cobbler as his son on earth and even with a Lenin to complete the materialistic trinity."

The celebration of Djugashvili Stalin's 70th birthday is surely one of the most amazing phenomena of our times. . . . "Glory to Stalin" arises in a hosannah from the brazen throats of the loud-speakers and the propaganda machines such as no living man has ever been accorded. . . .

The Times of London also speaks of "the Communist cult of Stalin worship having come near to deification at this stage." The Manchester Guardian, another outstanding English newspaper, refers to the "devotional note" and says that never before has this religious side of communism been so plainly in view.

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SHORTEST ROUTE

Windsor Star

When introducing legislation to permit the federal government to contribute to the cost of a decent trans-Canada highway, Reconstruction Minister R. H. Winters made a wise stipulation. The road should follow the shortest practical route.

It would be foolish, of course, for Ottawa to promise to help pay for a highway which meant added costs to the country to serve local needs. But the real reason is the shortest, straightest road will best serve Canada.

VALE

Toronto Globe and Mail

"Good King Wenceslas looked out On the feast of Stephen. . . . But his spirit will be sad in his native Bohemia as the Christmas season comes to us once again."

In the land of Wenceslas these things are not to be. Copying Russia's example in Eastern Germany, the Communist Cabinet of Czechoslovakia has turned thumbs down on Christmas greetings. It orders government employees not to send them and "recommends" that the public also abstain. And so, decreed into official oblivion, the spirit of the martyred Wenceslas will be sad in Bohemia, whose saint and patron he was.

THE GREAT COFFEE MYTH

Edmonton Journal

The great coffee panic of 1949 is likely to go down in history as a classic example of human gullibility.

As Martin S. Hayden explained in an article in Wednesday's Journal, the whole affair grew out of false, or at least exaggerated, rumors about a drought and consequent crop failure in Brazil's coffee belt. These were given added circulation by a couple of New York newspapers, and the squirrel instincts of millions of American and Canadian housewives did the rest. Foreseeing a coffee-less winter ahead, they started purchasing much more than their ordinary requirements, and thus bid up the price.

If they would only stop buying for a week or two, as the authorities urge, the price would go down again quickly enough, since there are large stocks in storage and a fine crop coming along in Brazil.

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Stumps RealtorsWhile the weather might be
one of the most talked about
subject in Victoria, few real
estate agents are able to give
correct answers pertaining to
local climatic conditions.This was revealed in a quiz
contest—a special feature at the
luncheon-meeting of the Victoria
Real Estate Board held at the
Empress Hotel Wednesday. Mem-
bers were unable to say what
the average temperature and
rainfall was in Victoria.The realtors showed they were
better informed on matters re-
garding costs-of building ma-
terials and labor. They could
not be stumped on questions per-
taining to building regulations
and were well up on local
politics.Several realtors, however, sur-
prised their fellow-members by
failing to know the mill rate of
the three municipalities.The quiz contest was or-
ganized by R. T. Batey, radio-
production manager, Hubert
Lethaby, secretary, and Jack
Fraser, president. The mem-
bers had some good fun com-
peting against one another in
the contest.Prizes were awarded to the
winners. One prize was awarded
to the shortest man in the
meeting. Another went to the man
with the least hair.Two Union Men
Freed From CustodyVANCOUVER (CP)—William
L. White and William Stewart,
president and secretary, respec-
tively, of the Marine Workers
and Boilermakers' Union
(C.C.L.), were released late Wed-
nesday after 24 hours' imprison-
ment.A stay of proceedings was
granted in the B.C. Appeal Court
here. The appeals of White and
Stewart, jailed for contempt, will
be heard at the January sitting
of the court.The union leaders were com-
mitted for their refusal to issue
a union card to Myron Kuzych, a
welder expelled from the union
five years ago.Kuzych earlier had secured an
injunction restraining the union
from barring his admission.

Uncle Ray

DAMS GUARD AGAINST
FLOODS AND PROVIDE
WATER FOR CROPSWhen the snows of the present
winter melt in the spring, there
will come a greater supply of
water for the northern half of
the earth. Snow which melts on
hills or mountains will send
water down to the valleys, and
the water will flow along its
rivers.Some rivers enter larger ones,
or go into big lakes, but running
water, for the most part, is on its
way to the ocean. Our Great
Lakes drain water from many
thousands of square miles, and
send it along until it reaches the
great St. Lawrence River. The
St. Lawrence takes it to the
Atlantic Ocean.Here and there we find a
salt lake—such as Great Salt
Lake or the Dead Sea—which
receives water without sending
any of it to the ocean, but the
general rule is for lakes to send
water onward.If all works smoothly, the
water from melting snow and
from rains will finish the journey
without doing harm to anyone.
There are times, however, when
things fail to go along in the way
which is best for us. Warm days
may melt the snow too fast, and
the water may have too little
room in the beds of rivers. That
will mean floods. In the same
way an extra-heavy rainfall may
cause a flood.What is to be done to keep
people from being harmed by
floods? One thing—perhaps
most important of all—is to build
dams. With the help of dams,
flood water can be kept under
control to a large extent.Men learned to build dams
thousands of years ago. The
first dams appear to have been
walls of earth. They were of
help, but the flood waters tended
to eat through them. When large
holes were cut in an earthen
wall, there came a flood on the
other side.The next step was to make
dams more solid with the help
of stones and masonry work.
When the stones were cemented
together, they did far more to
hold back flood waters. Often
there was masonry in the centre
of the dam, and earth on either
side.Another purpose of the early
dam was to save water for a dry
season. When a kind of lake was
formed, the water could be
drained off into reservoirs. It
was saved until it was needed
for crops.For General Interest section of
your scrapbook.SAFEWAY Last minute
Christmas shopping list!

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★ AIRWAY COFFEE	16-oz. pkg 65c 3-lb. bag 1.91	

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Blended Juice Blend o' Gold, 20-oz. tin 17c	Mixed Nuts 1-lb. bag 34c
Pineapple Juice Libby's Hawaiian, 20-oz. tin 19c	Brilliant 16-oz. bag 31c
Tomato Juice Libby's Fancy, 20-oz. tin 25c	Marshmallows 16-oz. bag 55c
Libby's Fancy, 48-oz. tin 28c	Brazils Large, in shell, 16-oz. cello bag 31c

James and Jellies	Miscellaneous
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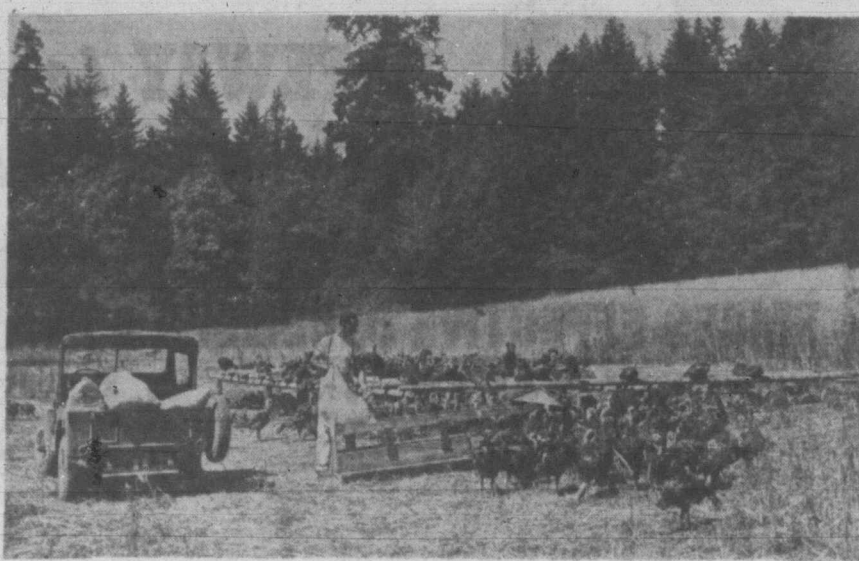
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Chuck Newman feeds flock of plump turkeys on Prospect Lake Road ranch.

One of the many success stories the Veterans' Land Act administration here could tell is that of C. B. (Chuck) Newman, Prospect Lake Road, who has found his niche in life in the growing of Christmas turkeys.

Account of the Victoria-born veterans' climb through mortgage, water shortage and a hundred-and-one other problems on a 47½-acre ranch he acquired in 1946, to the reaping of a 2,400-bird crop this month was told by George E. Burrell, hard-working settlement supervisor of the V.L.A.

It was in January of this year that Newman asked the V.L.A. for a "leg up" in his undertaking and Mr. Burrell was assigned to the case.

Before this Newman had worked 15 acres of his land on a part-time basis while he was employed by the provincial government. But it proved too much.

TO MACMILLAN FARM

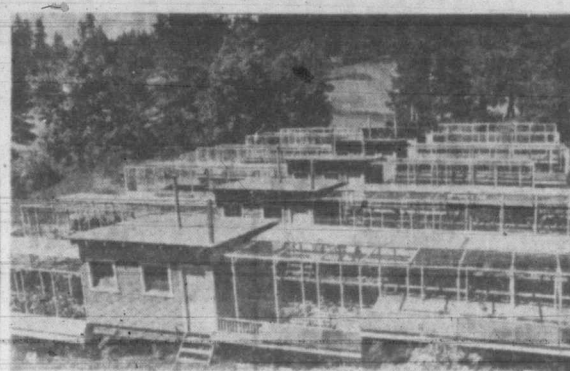
So in January, 1947, he abandoned his plans temporarily to establish and manage the H. R. MacMillan turkey farm at Qualicum Beach which today stands alone in its class, a tribute to the planning and initiative of Newman.

Returning at the beginning of the year to complete his own establishment, the World War II army captain showed Mr. Burrell what he was up against. The settlement supervisor first appraised Newman's farm to determine the value of the 47½ acres and improvements.

Quadruplets in France

PARIS (AP) — Quadruplets — all boys — were born Wednesday to Mrs. Andree Morel, 27-year-old mother of three other children, at Sully-Saillies, near Lille. Doctors said the quads and mother were doing well. The babies, averaging a little less than two pounds each, were put into incubators.

The water content of many foods is surprisingly high, with a porterhouse steak containing about 60 per cent water.



V.L.A. money helped in construction of modern brooder houses.

He had to decide if the holding was suitable for V.L.A. purposes. And then it was his task to detail the use of any public funds to be spent in assisting the turkey grower.

STUMBLING BLOCK

When it was agreed the "application for assistance" was warranted a stumbling block appeared.

The water supply was inadequate and the V.L.A. could not spend public funds to drill for water because there was no assurance water would be obtained.

Mr. Burrell attacked the problem from another angle. He surveyed the possibilities of pumping water from Porter Creek near Newman's ranch which is situated on Prospect Lake Road one-half mile off Burnside Road. The survey showed, though,

that cost of pumping would be out of all reason. So Newman gambled. He decided to drill for water on his own. Machinery went to work during the driest part of the summer.

The water was successful. Results of the drilling were beyond his highest hopes. Good water supply was obtained.

Finally a mortgage on the property was removed by the V.L.A. within a few days of its due date, other funds were made available to the veteran for the improvement of his property and the purchase of stock and equipment. And successful rehabilitation was at hand for Chuck Newman, thanks to the V.L.A. and George Burrell.

Robber Takes \$100

WINNIPEG (CP) — A middle-aged man spent 15 minutes in a grocery chain store before he approached two cashiers shortly before closing time Wednesday night. With a revolver in his hand, he scooped up \$100 from the tills. Police believe he made his getaway in an automobile which he had parked nearby.

Officers of the Oak Bay Art Club were elected as follows at a meeting held in the Community Centre premises: Miss M. Nickerson, president; W. Sturrock, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. U. Baile, Mrs. S. J. D. Clack and J. Nutt, executive. The Christmas card by B. Hill was voted the most original.

Use Christmas Cards For Parking Tickets

SPOKANE (AP) — Police handed out Christmas cards instead of parking tickets here Wednesday.

Motorists who overparked found this message on their windshield:

"Merry Christmas! Your car is in violation of the parking ordinance. We excuse you this time and hope it will never be necessary to issue you an official card."

Officers explained it was strictly a temporary arrangement and promised bona fide tickets to anyone taking advantage of their holiday spirit.

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Ask Scheme Include All Island Highway

CAMPBELL RIVER—Inclusion of the entire Island Highway in the proposed Trans-Canada Highway will be urged upon Public Works Minister E. C. Carson by the Campbell River Chamber of Commerce.

This was the decision of the chamber at a recent meeting when it was decided also to ask the C.P.R. to publicize northern sections of Vancouver Island over public address systems on company boats plying between Vancouver and Nanaimo. A four-man committee was named to investigate and report on construction of the proposed seaplane landing base at Campbell River. On the committee are Carl O. Thulin, Kenneth Richmond, Leonard Rossiter, and Robert Langdon.

Sydney Mayor Quits After Facing Court

SYDNEY, N.S. (CP) — Dan Jack MacLean facing a charge of murder, resigned as mayor of Sydney, it was learned Wednesday night.

This development came a few hours after the mayor, handcuffed and under police guard, was led into court and arraigned on the murder charge. His preliminary hearing was set for Dec. 29.

Mayor MacLean spoke in a husky voice as Magistrate Vernon Read charged him with the murder Sunday night of Joseph MacKinnon, 63-year-old semi-cripple who was Sydney's registrar of voters.

The 62-year-old mayor of this steel city had been discharged from hospital shortly before he entered the courtroom.

Asked by the Union of B.C. Municipalities what, in its opinion, should be done in view of the vacancies which have occurred in the executive of the union owing to the recent elections, Oak Bay Council Wednesday evening recommended the executive elect new members to fill the vacancies until the next U.B.C.M. meeting.

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Mrs. Jane Bancroft Dies
 BOSTON (AP)—Mrs. J. W. Bancroft, 72, principal owner of Dow Jones and Company, financial news-gathering agency, and publisher of the Wall Street Journal, died Wednesday.

Victoria Boys' Band practice will be held in the band-room, 2701 Asquith Street, Friday, at 7. A Christmas party for parents and boys of the band will be arranged.

Honored On Eve Of Retirement



Veteran Councillor J. V. Johnson presents inscribed silver entree dish to retiring Oak Bay Reeve, R. A. Wootton, centre. At right is Councillor P. A. Moir, also retiring.

The 1949 Oak Bay Council met for the last time Wednesday evening and bade goodbye to its reeve and its public works committee chairman, both of whom had refrained from seeking reelection.

Appreciation for work done was expressed both to Reeve R. A. Wootton and to Councillor P.

A. Moir. Reeve Wootton has served four years on the council, including two as reeve, while Councillor Moir has served for seven years, during the last five of which he has been chairman of the public works committee.

Among those who praised the work of the two municipal officials was Reeve-elect P. A. Gibbs.

Following the end of the council meeting, Councillor J. V. Johnson, acting on behalf of the rest of the council, presented an engraved silver entree dish and cover to the reeve. Earlier in the day, Councillor Moir had received an engraved silver tray from members of the municipal works department.

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Irish Linen Damask Tablecloths, size 54x54, each	4.50
Irish Linen Hemstitched Damask Border Towels, each	1.50
Printed Colored Bridge Sets, size 36x36, and 4 Napkins, per set	3.25
Printed Lunch Cloths, size 52x52 inches, each	3.50 and 3.95
Hand-Embroidered Linen Bridge Sets, per set	10.50 and 9.50
Irish Linen Tea Napkins, 6 in box, per box	2.95
Irish Linen Damask Border Guest Towels, per pair	2.50 and 2.00
Irish Linen Double Damask Tablecloths, size 2x2½ yards, each	12.50 and 10.50
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SEE OUR WINDOWS

31,698 On Prairies In Need Of Jobs

WINNIPEG (CP)—There are approximately nine times as many unemployed persons in the prairie region as there are jobs available, the prairie regional office of the Unemployment Insurance Commission said Wednesday.

Figures released show that there are 31,698 unemployed applicants for 3,878 jobs.

Totals for the period ended Dec. 8—latest figures available—show 22,642 male workers and 9,056 females unemployed. Vacancies for males total 2,109; for females, 1,769.

Officials said that during November, insurance offices of the commission in the prairie region paid out \$538,289 in benefits to 44,489 applicants.

Oak Bay Council To Meet School Board On School Question

Greater Victoria School Board's buildings and grounds committee is being invited to meet the 1950 Oak Bay Council at its first meeting Jan. 3 to discuss the municipality's proposed new junior high school.

This was decided Wednesday evening by the retiring council which last week expressed concern over a report from K. P. Cunningham, municipal building inspector, that it was proposed the new school be of frame construction rather than of the more costly fireproof construction.

At first, the council had wanted to meet with the Oak Bay representatives on the school board, but A. D. Findlay, municipal clerk, reported he had been told the board did not like sectionalism and would rather the council meet a board committee.

The council accepted this and instructed Mr. Findlay to invite the buildings and grounds committee to the Jan. 3 meeting. The committee chairman is J. A. de Bourcier, one of two Oak Bay representatives on the board.

Set Long Holidays For Oak Bay Staff

Oak Bay municipal employees will have a total of seven days' holidays during the Christmas and New Year periods.

Employees will be away from Municipal Hall from 3.30 Friday afternoon to 8.30 next Wednesday morning, and again from 3.30 in the afternoon of Dec. 30 to 8.30 on the morning of Jan. 3.

These festive holiday periods were authorized by retiring Oak Bay Council Wednesday evening.

Reprieve Granted; Appeal Planned

VANCOUVER (CP)—William John Worobec, 37, sentenced to be hanged Jan. 6 for the murder of Michael Geluch, Wednesday was granted a reprieve to Feb. 28.

It was granted in the B.C. Supreme Court by Mr. Justice J. M. Coady on application of Worobec's counsel, Nathan Nemetz.

Mr. Nemetz said he would seek leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada a recent B.C. Court of Appeal decision upholding the original Assize Court conviction of Worobec.

Thomas F. Hurley, counsel for Walter Prestyko, 32, convicted jointly with Worobec, will apply in the Supreme Court next Wednesday for leave to appeal.

No reprieve has yet been granted. Prestyko, also under sentence of death Jan. 6 for slaying the retired railway worker.

Both Worobec and Prestyko were arrested shortly after the bodies of Geluch and his wife had been discovered in their suburban Vancouver bungalow. An autopsy showed they had been strangled.

Prestyko and Worobec were not charged in the woman's death.

LAST IS FIRST
 Hop-merchant butterflies lay their eggs in columns, attached to leaves, and the last laid eggs hatch first, so that the chain may not be broken.

U.B.C.M. Vacancies Through Elections

There are five vacancies on the board of directors of the Union of B.C. Municipalities as a result of the recent municipal elections. It was reported today from Port Alberni.

Four of the executive members were defeated in the elections and one did not seek re-election to public office.

The union now is canvassing member-municipalities for views in connection with filling the vacancies.

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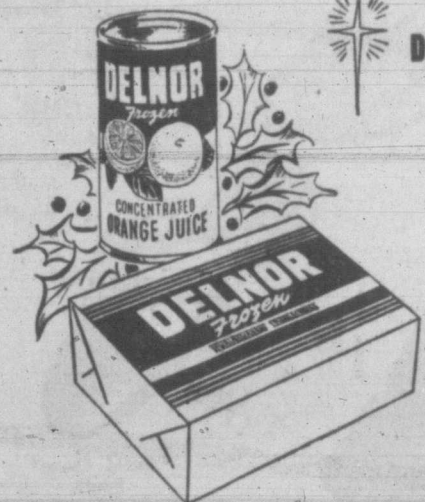
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A Christmas Carol Tea

Christmas trees, sparkling with lights; tiny red and green candles on individual tables; holly and cedar greens, formed the seasonal background in the Windermere Hotel yesterday where the Victoria Musical Art Society held a Christmas carol tea.

Dr. Roger Manning, president of the society, welcomed guests, assisted by Mrs. P. E. L. Corby, immediate past president.

Centering the large room were two head tables decorated with sprigs of holly and green candles in silver holders. Presiding at these tables were Mrs. J. O. Cameron and Mrs. C. Harding, and seated with them were Mrs. Percy E. George, Mrs. J. C. Shaw, Mrs. J. Hilton, Mrs. J. A. Greenhill, Mrs. J. D. Davidson, Mrs. W. W. McGill, Miss Karin Bjornstet, Mrs. Lazenby, Mrs. Semple, Miss Trudie McGill and Mr. Gordon Rogers of Salt Spring Island; Mrs. M. J. McCabe, Mrs. M. C. Sands, Mrs. F. Wille, Mrs. H. Leason, Mrs. William Watson, Miss Dorothy Dobson, Mrs. Alice Rogers and Mrs. G. S. Sommerville.

Seated at individual tables were Mrs. H. Maunsell and Mrs. J. McLellan; Mrs. W. B. Williams and Mrs. D. B. Hudson, Mrs. C. H. G. Mann and Miss U. McAnally; Mrs. A. Gough with her granddaughter, Miss Marilyn Miller of New Westminster.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Perry, Rev. and Mrs. J. Fitzpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hardwick; Mr. and Mrs. F. Pottage, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Patrick, Miss Mollie Pat-



A regular guest at the annual carol teas and a member of the Musical Art Society 40 years ago, Mrs. Ernest Semple, left, attended yesterday with one of her former pupils, Mrs. H. Lazenby, right.

rick and Mr. and Mrs. J. Archer, Mrs. A. P. Slater, Mrs. A. S. Graber; Mrs. J. W. Loudon, Mrs. Henry G. Helstern, and Miss Kathleen Agnew.

Mrs. H. C. MacDonald, Mrs. Alma Jordan, Mrs. G. O. Jordan of Calgary; Mrs. James Holmes, Mrs. St. George Jellett, Mrs. W. Rose, Mrs. D. A. Kennedy; Mrs. G. Bacon, Miss Gwendoline Harper, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lamont, Mr. T. W. Atkinson,

Miss Marilyn Bacon, Miss Janice Bacon, Miss D. Evans, Miss E. Evans, Mrs. A. J. Redgrave; Mrs. B. O. Taylor, Mrs. T. D. Irvine, Mrs. Arthur Dowell; Mrs. J. E. Brown, Miss Mary King; Mrs. Cusack, Mrs. Edith Luney.

Alderman Margaret Christie, her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson, and granddaughter, Miss Marlene Wilson.

Carol Motif Carried Out In Well-Arranged Program

By AUDREY ST. D. JOHNSON
The sort of event for which we hope the Victoria Musical Art Society will become notable, was the Carol Tea held Wednesday afternoon.

The informal, intimate atmosphere of the tea-table added to the charm of a nicely-arranged program provided by members of the intermediate group. And once again one had to marvel at the wealth of talent revealed by young Victorians.

A warm welcome was given a former member, Edith McGill, now a student at University of Washington where she is extending her study of the violin and obviously making great progress. Her increased mastery of the instrument and deepening intellectual grasp of the music was a particular pleasure to the many people who have been aware of her talent for a number of years. Marilyn Bacon was her accompanist.

Two sisters who already have a decided grasp of the art of duet singing, are Muriel and Vivian Trimble. Possessed of voices of an unusually pure and musical quality, which also blend and balance well, these two young artists should be given every encouragement to continue along the present lines.

Vocal solos were given by Dorothy-Mae Charles who has a well-placed mezzo-soprano of promising warmth and richness, and by Madonna McCabe, whose high soprano has been notable since childhood. Accompanists were Marion Gibbs and Malcolm Hamilton.

Playing the third movement of the Mozart B flat Sonata, Jacqueline Sawyer revealed a good pianoforte technique and a thoughtful, academic approach. The carol motif was carried out by an instrumental ensemble which played some of the old favorites and by choices of the vocalists.

The ensemble included the following players: Lorraine Brand, Ann Robertson, Allan Tregear, John Sawyer, Margaret McGill, Sylvia Gough, Joan Creighton and Barry Gough.

\$85 Christmas Cheer

The sum of \$85 was allotted for Christmas welfare work at the business meeting of Sir Matthew Baillie Begbie Chapter, I.O.E. Members voted \$10 to Endowment Fund, and an additional \$10 to Bursary Fund. After business a Christmas tea was enjoyed by members, and Mrs. J. Baird was winner of a prize.

Holiday Week-End A 'Glitter With Party Entertaining

As sparkling as a Christmas tree is the holiday week-end calendar which is crowded not only with traditional festivities but all the gaiety of party entertaining.

Starting the round of activities is the annual Christmas ball in the ballroom at H.M.C.S. Naden Friday evening.

Admiral H. G. deWolf, Flag Officer, Pacific Coast, and Mrs. deWolf will entertain at Admiral's House prior to the ball.

A cocktail party will be given by warroom officers of H.M.C.S. Malahat aboard H.M.C.S. Sault Ste. Marie before the ball. Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Lynch have invited 16 guests to a pre-ball party at their Barton Street home and Surg-Comdr. and Mrs. H. R. Rutten are entertaining at their home on St. Patrick Street.

Lt.-Comdr. J. E. Wolfenden and Mrs. Wolfenden are entertaining officers of H.M.C.S. Cedarwood and their wives at a buffet supper at their Island Highway home before the ball. Among their guests will be Lt.-Comdr. H. H. MacDonald, staff officer at Vancouver's H.M.C.S. Discovery, and Mrs. MacDonald, who have come from the mainland to spend the holiday season.

On Saturday evening Admiral P. W. Nelles, C.B., L.L.D., and Mrs. Nelles have invited friends

to their home on St. Charles Street.

Also on Christmas eve, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Ridewood, St. Charles Street, will entertain and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Aylward will be hosts at a party at their St. Charles Street home.

Christmas morning Mr. and Mrs. Charles Helstern have planned a family party at their home on Falkland Road and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hobbs have issued invitations for a party at "Woolston" their Cadboro Bay home later in the day.

Christmas night, Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Sills plan a family party at their Windsor Road home.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Yarrow are entertaining friends on Boxing Day at their home on Foul Bay Road.

Also on Boxing Day Surg-Comdr. and Mrs. H. R. Rutten will entertain friends aboard H.M.C.S. Ontario. And Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Turner will be hosts at an after-five party at their home on Newport Avenue.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moore are entertaining "after five" at their Dufferin Street home. Honor guests will be Mrs. Moore's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Margison of Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skillings have invited friends to an informal party at their Cedar Hill Road home on Tuesday.

Hostess At First Party

A miniature village in an old-fashioned Christmas setting will centre the refreshment table when nine-year-old Nancy Walsh entertains at her first party this afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Walsh, 2519 Belmont Avenue.

For the occasion, the rooms have been decorated in the Yuletide motif.

Music will be enjoyed and as an added surprise there will be a gift for each little guest.

Nancy, who has been attending St. Ann's Convent at Nanaimo for the past two years, is now a student at Oaklands School.

Guests are Jo Ann Longbottom, Alice Jones, Marjory Kiefer, Pat Flack, Betty Schneider, Louise Newfield, Yvonne Boynton, Glennis Cruickshank, Georgina Tomlinson, Sandra Brighton, Pat Brown, Helen Cornelius, Carol Byers, Lorraine Ferguson, Valerie Parkin and Betty Davies.

Mr. E. B. Deane, Vancouver, is spending two weeks in Victoria, the guest of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Sills, Lansdowne Road.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Holmes will arrive from Vancouver Saturday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Holmes' mother, Mrs. D. McAdie, 296 King George Terrace.

Miss Patricia Nelson and Mr. Bob Siddall of Vancouver are arriving in the city on Friday to spend the long weekend with Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Baker, Midland Road, the Uplands.

Mrs. Olive Tomlin, Woodley Road, has crossed to Vancouver to be the guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Willoughby, West Vancouver, for the Christmas holiday season.

Capt. and Mrs. W. Wingate, 671 Niagara Street, will have as their guests over the Christmas holiday their son-in-law and daughter and baby grandson, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Taggart and wee James Lawton, from Vancouver.

The annual Christmas carol teas that are always a part of the holiday program at the Empress Hotel will take place on Saturday afternoon from 3.30 until 5.30 and again on Boxing Day afternoon at the same time. Elizabethan singers will give a program of seasonal music for the occasion.

Annual Christmas party for members of the Robert Burns McMicking Chapter, I.O.E., was held last night at the home of Mrs. Frank Partridge, 151 Beach Drive. A highlight of the evening was a short recording from each one present which was immediately played back. Prizes for a quiz contest were won equally by Miss Mary Wooliams and Mrs. Bessie Maryot. A balloon-blowing contest caused much merriment, with Miss Connie Chow the winner. An interchange and opening of gifts was also enjoyed. A buffet supper was served. The Partridge home was brightly decorated, inside and out, with lights and greens for the occasion.

Brentwood Institute Holds Annual 500 Christmas Party

Brentwood Women's Institute Hall was colorfully decorated when the institute held its annual Christmas 500 party. Miss D. M. Worthington and Mrs. E. G. Woodward were general conveners and G. M. Callaghan was "master of cards."

Thirty-two tables were in play. Assisting with various arrangements and games were Dr. H. B. Wood, and M. Atkins, R. C. Anderson, Ted Holloway, G. V. Williams, G. D. Moody and James Smethurst.

A Christmas cake, made by Mrs. G. D. Moody, was won by Ken Warner, and Ted Holloway was winner of a novel cake made and donated by Mrs. W. P. Moss. The cake decorations were miniature dancing girls and negro orchestra musicians were of peanuts cleverly garbed, and each with a different instrument.

President Mrs. G. D. Moody and Mrs. R. Ronson awarded prizes.

Next card party will be Jan. 13.

Young People Visit Hospital, Shut-Ins

Bringing cheer and happiness to many persons who are unable to get about during the festive season, 25 members of First Baptist Church Young People's Union held a carol-singing tour which took them to Veterans' Hospital, aged Women's Home and St. Mary's Prior and to many homes of shut-ins.

Later members were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. Phillips, Cook Street, where they held a brief sing-song and were served refreshments.

A friendship circle was formed and all joined in the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," followed by the Mizpah benediction.

A good day starts with a good breakfast. Apricot whole fruit nectar is a refreshing fruit to serve for a starter. You can buy it in 10-ounce, No. 2 and 46-ounce cans.



MISS NANCY WALSH

Commercial Travelers Hold Yuletide Party

Annual party of the Victoria Council 434, of the United Commercial Travelers of America, was held in K. of P. Hall, Cormorant Street. Arrangements were made by the entertainment committee under the chairmanship of Jack Fawcett, Jr.

The children's party started at 7, and Santa Claus distributed presents to approximately 120

children. At 9 the adults took over, and approximately 200 members and friends danced until 1 to the music of the Home Towners.

Club Calendar

Lodge Primrose, No. 32, Daughters of England, social meeting, K. of P. Hall Cormorant Street, Friday at 7.30; members to bring Christmas gifts.

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Xi Beta Members Exchange Gifts

Gifts from their "secret pals," a bright Christmas tree, and presents for husbands and friends, highlighted the Christmas party held by Xi Beta Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority at the home of Mrs. Barbara Brown.

Approximately 40 guests including members, friends and husbands attended, and Mrs. Claude Hammond, former director of Zeta Chapter, was an honor guest.

Games were played and refreshments served by convener Miss Dorothy Waller and her committee. The dining-room table was centred with an attractive snow scene.

For something different in the way of leftovers, take a little turkey or ham or a combination of the two. Stir them into a medium thick white sauce flavored with a bit of mustard. Add some silvered roasted almonds and serve in cream puff shells.

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Of Personal Interest

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Yarrow, Foul Bay Road, have as their guests for the holiday season their son-in-law and daughter and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hyslop and David, who came by plane from Prince George, earlier this week. Their youngest daughter, Miss Verna Yarrow, who returned from abroad recently, is also at the family home for the holidays.

Queen's Housekeeper Shops For 200 Gifts For Their Majesties

LONDON (CP)—A woman with 200 stockings to fill this Christmas is Mrs. J. M. Gerguson, housekeeper to the Queen at Buckingham Palace.

The stockings are those of every man and woman on the household staffs of the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace and Sandringham. Their Majesties have a gift for each one—and Mrs. Gerguson buys them.

Thus, the kindly grey-haired woman is a familiar figure at most of the big stores near the palace these days.

This year, for the first time since Christmas, 1939, the King has decreed that the old custom of personal gifts shall be revived in place of the wartime practice of money tokens.

The gifts are handed personally by the King and Queen to their servants at two distributions. One will be at the palace just before they leave London for their Norfolk estate. The second will be at Sandringham on the afternoon of Christmas Day, immediately after the King has made his broadcast to the Commonwealth.

Besides the Royal servants who travel with the court from London, and the permanent staff at Sandringham, farm workers and laborers on the King's Norfolk estate and gamekeepers and tenants will share in the second distribution.

Every present contains a personal goodwill message from the King and Queen.

All London Reads Canadian's Letter

LONDON (CP)—Postmaster-General Wilfred Paling received an unexpected Christmas greeting from Mrs. R. Pike of Quebec.

And Mrs. Pike had a little favor to ask the postmaster-general. Would he assist in tracing a Mrs. William Kilsley living in London's suburbs?

"I want to send her a Christmas parcel," Mrs. Pike explained.

The postmaster-general released this letter for publication, hoping the publicity would produce Mrs. Kilsley's address.

The Romans were the first to introduce cobblestones as road pavement.

In Step With Style

By MARGUERITE DALZIEL
Women's Department, Victoria Times



This gorgeous Parisian nightgown—\$75 worth—shown by Mrs. Unamari Alder, and many others, hand stitched and embroidered and ranging from \$30 up, will be tucked in a host of Christmas stockings if pre-Christmas shopping is any indication.

Money No Object When Men Shop For Feminine Friends

For years we've been under the impression that men are shrinking violets when it comes to shopping for feminine dainties and unmentionables.

Don't you believe it! The worm has turned or perhaps I should say that Mr. Milquetoast has now become a "man-about-town," with all the savoir faire of an Adolphe Menjou.

For, in this long-dreaded "week before Christmas," more men than ever before are invading women's departments. And from personal poll taken at a number of local women's shops, I can assure you that men are no longer red-faced and covering as they look quickly from left to right before sinking into lingerie departments, but now boldly self-assured, they head for the counter and await their turn.

Want to know what they are buying?

Well, in general, the younger men prefer housecoats for their wives and girl friends. Warm, beautifully tailored robes or those of pastel tones and padded silks top the list.

And when it comes to undies, they go for \$15 and lots of lace, satin, and nice silks.

They prefer sets of panties, bras and slips and gowns, and "aren't at all bashful about making selections, matching slips with panties, etc." one clerk assured me.

Of course, sheer, black garments in laces and satins, with frills and bows are always popular with the male sex.

But I found out results are

not always so favorable to those black undies with the "little woman."

For I'm told that more than one wife has arrived in the shop day after Boxing Day, with tongue in cheek and parcel in hand to exchange the black lingerie for something "just a little more practical."

The "teen-aged young man generally selects a sweater or blouse for his girl friend, and a salesgirl stated that "if we don't have just the color or style he wants, he goes somewhere else."

That smacks of a little pre-Christmas briefing, if you ask me.

On the whole, most saleswomen like to wait on the male shoppers. "One of my customers, accompanied by his little boy, purchased a lovely nightgown for his wife and while I was wrapping the present, I heard him warn his young son not to breathe a word of it to Mum-mie," a saleswoman revealed with a chuckle.

"Some of them just describe their wife or girl friend, and leave the selections up to us," one clerk said. Another, "They still have difficulty with correct sizes, especially in lingerie," and a third, "Men are just as fussy as women about what they want, but they never seem to mind the cost."

Proof of that statement are the fast-selling, gorgeous nightgowns at \$75 each in one department store.

These exotic imports from Italy and France, hand-embroidered, hand-tucked and hand-appliqued, would even charm a Scrooge.

Just a shade less expensive are New York imports—nightgowns sent to Porto Rico to be beautifully hand-embroidered, returned to New York and then shipped out.

One very popular model is "Starlight," a silver grey, sheer silk gown imported from New York. The star theme is carried out in tiny appliques in the lace and on the silken bodice and skirt.

But with all the advances made by "men shoppers" there are still and always will be, I suppose, the men who solve their Christmas shopping—by "sending mother."

Old Christmas Custom

LEEDS, England (CP)—The "milly-box," lined with sugar and oranges and containing two small figures, is still occasionally carried by Yorkshire children when they go carol-singing on Christmas Eve. It is a relic of the ancient custom, common in the north of England until the close of the last century, of carrying figures of Our Lady and the Holy Child. The word "milly" is a corruption of "My Lady."

Lake Hill Institute Honors President At Christmas Tea

Presentation of a gold compact to their retiring president, Mrs. A. S. Moffat, was made by Lake Hill Women's Institute members at the annual Christmas tea, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. E. Glover secretary, who tendered the gift with the members' appreciation, and Mrs. W. Tilley were later honored with gifts in recognition of their year's fine work for the institute. Mrs. Stella Gummow and Mrs. Moffat respectively made the presentations.

The hall was attractively decorated; the Christmas motif being effectively used in the decoration of the candlelit tea table.

Assisting Mrs. Moffat with arrangements and program were Mesdames W. McGregor, Glover, and R. Myles. Mrs. Service was given a warm welcome after an extended absence, and a "Who is it?" quiz, won by Mrs. Myles, was the highlight of the program.

Guests present were Mrs. Moffat, Mrs. Gummow, provincial W.I. superintendent, and Mesdames Service, Glover, W. McGregor, Myles, Tilley, Holyoake, N. Flammack, McNaught, A. A. Simmons, W. Carpenter, G. F. Greenwell, Donvil, R. Noble, W. Simpson, Eric Hagen, George Massey, Richards, and Misses Hilda Leighton and Dorothy Cox.

Mrs. J. M. Baker New President

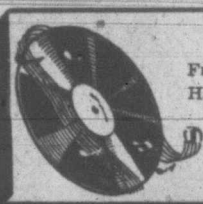
Princess Alexandra Lodge No. 18, Daughters of England, elected officers for 1950 at their meeting with Mrs. A. McVie presiding.

Mrs. J. M. Baker is president and other officers include past president, Mrs. E. Cruickshank; vice-president, Mrs. I. Shingleton; secretary, Mrs. D. Swan; recording secretary, Mrs. M. Fieldhouse; treasurer, Mrs. M. Porter; chaplain, Mrs. H. Baker; first guide, Mrs. E. Hopwood; second, Mrs. L. Fletcher; third, Mrs. A. Gorton; fourth, Mrs. L. Booth; pianist, Mrs. A. Bell; inner guard, Mrs. M. Dwyer; outer guard, Mrs. E. Smith; medical officer, Dr. A. D. Bechtel.

Two new members were welcomed and plans were made to hold the annual banquet in February.

The easiest way to silver roasted almonds is to roast them and then silver them with a sharp knife while they're still hot.

The last scrappy bits of turkey make wonderful tasting turkeyburgers. Grind left-over bits of turkey and skin and combine with ripe olive wedges and a lightly beaten egg. Season with salt, pepper, mustard, onion and Worcestershire sauce. Shape into patties and fry until browned.



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Characters From Snow White To Be Seen In Ice Cycles

"Ice Cycles of 1950" has answered the request of many children who asked that "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" be real live people.

These children wrote to Walt Disney, creator of the great fantasy on the screen. Many of them called him Uncle Walt and requested him to make the lovely princess and her undersized friends real people.

"Ice Cycles of 1950," to be seen at the Memorial Arena Jan. 11 to 14, has done that very thing

and the kids who loved the cartoon characters will love these people in the new version on ice even more.

Margaret Field, star of the big revue plays Snow White and the handsome Jamie Lawrence is Prince Charming. Lovely, brunette Pat Matthews is the queen while Lillian Trostorf plays the queen's more wicked transformed self.

Dopey, in the screen version made a big hit. In fact he received a big batch of fan mail from the kids. The youngsters will like Dopey more than ever after they see him portrayed on ice.

Yes, Snow White has more enchantment for children — and grown-ups too, when presented on ice for the finest cast of skating stars ever assembled for a show.

Today's Crossword Puzzle

HORIZONTAL

1. Duplicated garden tool
4. It has a thin, flat
9. Fitting
12. Exile
13. Assisted
14. Oriental porgy
15. Indulgent
17. Type of creed
19. Onager
20. Station (ab.)
21. Head covers
22. Clout
23. Encourage
24. God of love
25. Dwarf (comb. form)
26. Right (ab.)
27. Desirous
28. Diminutive of Magdalene
29. Emerald lake
30. Domestic slave
31. Chamber
32. Biblical high priest
33. Interference
34. Subdue
35. Male
36. Salient angle
37. Individual
38. Also
39. It is used for loosening around plants
40. Fend

VERTICAL

1. Possessed
2. Mineral rock
3. Even (cont.)
4. Nocturnal feline
5. Prevaricates
6. Fast motion in newspaper
7. Low haunts
8. Redact
9. Goddess of information
10. Cooking utensil
11. Crave
12. Hope's kin
13. Cry
14. It has a long
15. Lesson
16. Measure
17. Bullfighter
18. Venerate
19. River (ab.)
20. Names (ab.)
21. Go by aircraft
22. Goddess of discord
23. Winglike parts
24. Ancient Irish capital
25. Disagree
26. Whip
27. Wine vessel
28. Boat
29. Conclusion
30. Compass point
31. Rot by exposure
32. Railroad (ab.)

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YOU SHOULDN'T EVER SQUEEZE A PARTNER

Dear Santa Claus, the bridge players of the nation are of the opinion that if any one woman should have the title of Mrs. Santa Claus, it should be Mrs. Leon Radler of New York. Since the Children's Cancer Unit at Memorial Hospital was opened she has been a volunteer worker there, arranging for all their Christmas and Easter parties.

Mrs. Radler is a great helper of yours, Santa Claus, but when I asked her for a bridge hand she said her husband, Leon, is the card player in her family. So here is a hand Mr. Radler

(sitting East) defended in a rubber bridge game recently.

The reason South bid two diamonds over his partner's one diamond bid was because he felt that it would be better for North to play the no trump. When the final contract of three no trump was arrived at Mr. Radler opened the king of hearts.

He continued with the queen and then cashed the ace of hearts. That left him with the good 10 of hearts. He knew North had at least four diamonds.

Mr. Radler decided at this point that if he cashed the 10 of hearts it might squeeze his partner and they probably would not set the contract. So he shifted to the jack of clubs, which was won in dummy with the queen.

Declarer then proceeded to cash the diamonds, but, of course, the suit did not break. On the third diamond Mr. Radler deliberately threw away his good 10 of hearts. Now declarer could not make his contract.

If Mr. Radler had cashed his fourth heart and then shifted to a club, declarer would have won the club trick and cashed three rounds of diamonds. I have underlined the cards which each player, at this point, would have left.

Declarer would then cash the king and queen of clubs. On the queen of clubs West would be hopelessly squeezed. If he let go the jack of diamonds, declarer's diamond would be good, while if he discarded one of his spades, declarer would win three spade tricks.

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LEE BOWMAN

OAK BAY

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Mr. Radler

South 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 3 N.T. Pass

West 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 3 N.T. Pass

North 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 3 N.T. Pass

East 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass 3 N.T. Pass

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Corey 'Despicable' In Film At Atlas

Wendell Corey goes "despicable" for a change in his new role with Clark Gable in "Any Number Can Play," now showing at the Atlas Theatre.

Corey's addition to one of the year's outstanding casts was made following his highly-praised performance with Loretta Young in "The Accused." In the new film, he enacts Gable's weak and contemptible brother-in-law who is used as a tool by racketeers.

'Lucky Joe' Lives Up To His Nickname

"Lucky Joe," Hollywood's nickname for Jose Torrey, one of Mexico's outstanding actors, lives up to his name.

When Torrey, veteran of 243 motion pictures in Hollywood and Mexico City, was selected for a leading role in M-G-M's "Border Incident," now showing at the Royal Theatre, the whole cast breathed a sigh of relief.

Stars Ricard Montalban and George Murphy had been conjecturing about the prevailing rain, sleet and snow and its possible effect on location shooting, but they knew of Torrey's unique record. No film in which he has worked had ever been held up by bad weather.

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OAK BAY—My Dream Is Yours, starring Doris Day and Jack Carson.

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PLAZA—Kazan, starring Stephen Dunne.

RIO—On the Stage, "Great Imported Stage Revue."

ROYAL—Border Incident, starring Ricardo Montalban and George Murphy.

STARTING TIMES

ATLAS—3.15, 6.16, 9.18.

CAPITOL—12.45, 3.02, 5.19, 7.56, 9.53.

DOMINION—1.00, 3.03, 5.06, 7.09, 9.17.

FOX—6.45, 9.00, Wednesday and Saturday, 2.00.

OAK BAY—Doors 6.30.

ODEON—1.07, 3.12, 5.17, 7.22, 9.30.

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No. 1 Woman Athlete

Vancouver's Eleanor McKenzie, named Canada's outstanding woman athlete for 1949 on the strength of her track prowess, has her Christmas dinner early. Her father, K. D. McKenzie, serves the turkey. Miss McKenzie sailed from Vancouver today as a member of the Canadian team for the British Empire Games at New Zealand in February.

Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

WITHDRAWAL of the Oakland entry from the southern division of the Pacific Coast Hockey League may have set an unhealthy pattern. Now I note where there is a possibility the Los Angeles Monarchs will fold at the close of the present season. It seems that Charley Cord, millionaire owner of the Monarchs and the Pan-Pacific Auditorium, is not making any money out of his hockey operations. When questioned about the future of hockey in the California city, Cord remarked: "Business conditions are not too good and you never know what will happen."

SHOULD Los Angeles pack up it will mean the finish of the southern division. Only clubs left would be San Francisco, San Diego and Fresno, and even though it might be possible to find some other California city prepared to pick up the franchise, the financial set-up of the section would be weakened. And it must not be forgotten that the San Francisco club has proven a financial failure this season. Despite the fact the team is leading its division with a smart record, the club is not drawing. Of course its greatest drawback is a poor arena. Most of the hockey boys refer to it as a barn. All in all, it looks mighty like the northern division clubs will get their separate league come the 1950-51 season.

JUST how injuries can demoralize a hockey team was well demonstrated at the Memorial Arena Tuesday night when the Seattle Ironmen came to town and suffered their eighth defeat in nine starts. Downfall of Coach Dave Downie's crew can be traced back to the injury of centre star Rudy Filip. At the time he was put out of action Filip was top scorer in the northern division and the Ironmen were flying high in first place. Then followed a succession of injuries and the Ironmen went into a tailspin that has dropped them right out of contention for the division leadership. Unless they experience a comeback the Seattle squad is liable to find itself battling to even make the post-season playoffs.

AS EXPECTED, popular Bill Brenner will be back as playing manager of Bob Brown's Vancouver Capitanos come another Western International League ball season in April. During the winter it has been reported at various times that Brenner had decided to retire from baseball and confine himself to looking after his business connections in Olympia, Wash. All winter Brenner has been broadcasting football and basketball games. Guess the old urge was too great or maybe Brenner couldn't resist those big monthly pay checks he draws from Brown. Fans throughout the circuit will welcome the news that Bill will be back as he is one of the best liked managers in the W.I.L.

Billy Herman Signs With Oakland Club

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Billy Herman, one-time Brooklyn baseball star, has been signed to play

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SEALS SELL PAIR
SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Sale of infielder Dick Lajessie and outfielder Cully Rikard to New Orleans, Southern Association Baseball Club, was announced today by the San Francisco Seals.
New York—George Kaplan, 187%, Brooklyn, outpointed Dulio Spagnolo, 185%, Italy, 8.

MEMORIAL ARENA
TONIGHT at 8.30
NANAIMO NATIVE SONS
(Senior "B")
COACH LINES
Island Junior League
VICTORIA ALL STARS
vs. NAVY
7 P.M.
Adults 50¢—Children 10¢

Rampaging Rangers Crowd Two Canadian Clubs In Ice Race

The National Hockey League spotlight today is on the New York Rangers, barging right into contention on the strength of six victories in their last eight starts. Both Canadian teams were beaten last night, and the Rangers now are breathing right down the necks of the Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs.

The powerful Detroit Red Wings lengthened their lead by walloping the Maple Leafs 7 to 1 at Detroit. Rangers defeated Canadiens 2 to 1, and Boston Bruins beat the Chicago Black Hawks 4 to 1.

That leaves Detroit 10 points in front of the pack. Montreal in second place is two points ahead of Toronto, and the Rangers are just another point behind in fourth place. Boston is fifth and Chicago trails.

INJURIES HURT

The Rangers' victory at New York achieved over a crippled Montreal club, the Canadiens dressing only 15 men. Elmer Lach, Ken Reardon, Rip Riepelle and Hal Laycoe were all out of action.

Alex Kaleta scored two goals for the Gothamites, Dunc Fisher and rookie Jack McLeod getting the others. Floyd Curry scored the only Montreal goal.

At Detroit the Wings gave the Leafs the biggest beating in any game between the two this season.

Mercantile Hockey Games Scheduled Tuesday Evening

Officials of the Victoria Commercial Hockey League announced that the regular weekly three-game card will be played on Tuesday night at the Memorial Arena next week instead of Monday.

The opening clash of the evening, billed to get under way at 7 p.m. will pit together the improved Navy sextette, now holding down third place as a result of two straight shutout victories, and the Hotelmen, currently in fourth slot, two points behind the Tars. The first-place Coach Lines squad will be out to protect its slim one-point margin in the second game of the card against the Civil Service club. Final tilt will match the last-place B.O.P. squad, which notched its first loop victory last Monday under coach Joe Dutkowski and the runner-up Douglas Tire aggregation.

Goal By Tomson Gives Kerrisdale Win Over Nanaimo

NANAIMO (CP)—A deflected shot, driven hard by Jack Tomson, Wednesday night gave a hard-pressed Kerrisdale Monarch hockey team a 3 to 2 win over Nanaimo Clippers in a scheduled Mainline-Okanagan Senior Amateur Hockey League fixture.

Monarchs took a 2 to 0 lead in the early portion of the first period with Clippers slicing the margin just before the period ended. Bob Schmitt tied both for Monarchs with Cal Oughton netting for Clippers.

The Nanaimo sextette garnered the middle period's only goal, Mel Goudreau sinking a dual relay from Ray Voll and Dick Warwick.

Deciding marker came from a face-off inside the Nanaimo blue line. Tomson rifled the shot and the rubber caromed off Al Rittlinger between goalie Stu Hendry's legs.

The Nanaimo team announced they had signed Eddie Shamlock, ex-P.C.H.L. performer. He'll join the team as soon as he is officially reinstated as an amateur.

Coach Lines To Host Nanaimo Senior B Puckchasers Tonight

Commercial Hockey League patrons will be afforded an opportunity of comparing the calibre of play in the local league with that of a senior B club, when Coach Lines meets Nanaimo Native Sons in an exhibition game at the Memorial Arena tonight at 8.30.

In the curtain raiser at 7, Victoria All-Stars will meet Navy in an Island Junior League fixture. All minor hockey players presenting membership cards will be admitted free.

All-Star line-up follows: Goal, McCoey, Whittingham; defence, Fowler, Robinson, Kozak; Rose, forwards, Green, Parks, McConchy, Derry, Robertson, Dickinson, Chisholm, Putnam, J. Rainey and Brookbank.

son. Detroit goal-getters were Pete Babando, Joe Carveth, Gord Howe, Sid Abel, Jimmy McPadden, Jack Stewart and Jimmy Peters. Harry Lumley in the Detroit nets lost a shut-out when Joe Klukay scored on an angle shot early in the second period.

At Chicago, Paul Ronty scored twice for the Bruins, veteran Milt Schmidt and Sylvio Bettio getting the others. Bert Olmstead saved the Hawks from a whitewash.

TORONTO-DETROIT
First Period—1, Detroit, Babando

And it's those same Penguins who will provide the Cougars with most of their holiday hockey fare, there being no less than three games in six days between the two clubs, with two scheduled here over the weekend.

Jimmy Ward, who recently fined all players on his squad \$25 a man for "indifferent performances" during the five-game invasion of the south, will bring his club into town tomorrow night for the first time in almost two months.

The Penguins will also provide the holiday menu Boxing Day at 3, with the two clubs travelling to Portland for a return game Wednesday.

ROYALS BLANK CANUCKS
In other Coast League games last night, New Westminster increased its league lead over second-place Vancouver by blanking the Canucks, 5 to 0, and Los Angeles smote the southern division pace-setting San Francisco Shamrocks, 3 to 2.

The shutout at Westminster was goalie Jerry Costin's third of the season, tying him with Doug Stevenson of the Rockets in that department.

Nick Bangay fired home two goals to pace the Penguin attack over Tacoma.

Summaries follow:
VANCOUVER-NEW WESTMINSTER
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Ohio State Gridders In California

Arriving for their Rose Bowl football date with the University of California on Jan. 2, Ohio State players take to umbrellas as they are greeted by downpour of rain at Los Angeles. Left to right, front row: Peadar Savie, Dick O'Hanlon, George Tonnell, Jerry Krall; back row, coach Wes Fesler and team captain Jack Wilson.

Officials In Clash Of Ideals As Canada's Games Team Sails

VANCOUVER (BUP)—The first contingent of Canada's Empire Games team sailed for New Zealand today, with athletic officials still lacking agreement on why they were going.

The 31 team members and six officials paraded through rain-drenched streets to the liner Aorangi while two team coaches and Maj. John A. Davies, treasurer of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union, indulged in a clash of ideals.

Davies, looked upon as Canada's counterpart of United States sports purist Avery Brundage, said the trip's purpose was "not so much to win but to create good will as Canadians."

But Bruce Humber, track and field coach, and swimming coach Tom Jones said his statement was far off the beam. They said they definitely were "out to win for Canada."

A 19-day voyage was ahead for the group, whether officials knew why they were going or not. The second contingent of 33 contestants and three officials planned to fly to New Zealand from Vancouver Jan. 14.

The question of who will win the Empire Games is not the purpose for which this athletic gathering was brought into being," said Davies. "I think we'll make a reasonably good showing, but the important thing is what we learn there and the spirit with which our athletes come back."

GOODWILL GATHERING
Davies, a Montrealeur, added

that the Empire Games events were "athletic gatherings of goodwill in the first instance."

But he conceded the opinion that the Quebec weight-lifting squad of Gerald Gratton, John Stuart, Rosaire Smith and Jules Sylvain and Jim Varleau of Ottawa "would do well."

He also said he liked the chances of North Vancouver's middle-distance runner, Bill Parneil.

Humber was more directly concerned with wins and losses. "We really have a happy team," he said "We're not going to New Zealand just for fun. We've got a swell bunch of kids and they're going to do their best to uphold Canada's name."

Humber, who did just that the Berlin Olympics in 1936, said there were some places where "we just don't have the strength."

"We have no depth in sprinters and that will show up in the relays," he predicted. "Don Pettie, the Calgary boy who has been doing 9.8 at Drake University, should be alright."

Eliminate Contact New Baseball Order

NEW YORK (UP)—Baseball's rules committee told players today to cut out the rough stuff they learned on the football field.

The committee completed a massive job of rewriting the entire baseball rule book on orders of Commissioner A. B. Chandler. He had said he wanted the complicated code chopped down to a size that any 12-year-old can understand.

This the committee did, and in the process made several minor changes—the most vital being those which eliminate as much bodily contact as can be foreseen.

For example, you've seen some beautiful football blocks on second base. There's a man on first and the batter raps the ball to second. That man on first, seeking to prevent a double play, throws a block at the second baseman as he runs into the bag.

That's illegal now. If the runner tries to interfere with a player in the act of catching the ball, the batter will be called out. So it'll probably be a double play anyhow.

The fielder also got the word to lay off the rough stuff. If a fielder without the ball impedes a base runner, the umpire can give the base runner as many bases as he thinks the runner would have made anyway.

NEW STRIKE ZONE
Another interesting change is the location of the strike zone. It used to be from the top of the batter's shoulder to the bottom of the knee. Now the batters get a break. The new zone is a little smaller. It's from the batters armpits to the top of the knee.

The balk rule also has been changed. If the pitcher has his pivot foot on the rubber, the other foot on a line extending from the plate and the ball

gripped by both hands, he cannot take his stretch without drawing a balk. However, he can stretch before he gets into that position.

The coaching box has been extended to 20 feet from the original 15, and the catcher's box will be extended eight feet back of the plate instead of 10.

Otherwise, the rules remain as they are—only they are simpler. Old words such as "batman" have been thrown out. A complicated cross-index system, which sent you chasing from one old book to another has been eliminated.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Charlie Salans, 146, Phoenix, outpointed Babe Herman, 140, Los Angeles, 10.

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Junior Hockey—8.30 p.m.

Friday, December 23rd
Pro Rec—7 to 8.30 a.m.
Firefighters League—12.15 p.m.
Navy Juniors—1 to 2 p.m.
Pro Hockey—8.30 p.m.
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Sunday Hockey Ban Lifted By Dutkowski

The Sunday morning ban on junior hockey in the Memorial Arena has been lifted.

Arena manager Joe Dutkowski made the official announcement last night, ending a week of bitter wrangling over one of the most controversial subjects in city sport.

Sunday morning hockey for juniors was banned last week following a meeting between delegates of the Victoria Ministerial Association, the Arena Commission and Dutkowski. There immediately followed a storm of protests from Minor Hockey Association officials and parents of players affiliated with the V.M.H.A.

In making the announcement, Dutkowski said: "Sunday junior hockey will again be permitted in the arena, starting after the holiday season. I can see no reason why these young men should not be allowed to continue their regular Sunday game."

Hockey Scores

MARITIME SR.
Saint John 2, Moncton 9.

QUEBEC SR.
Montreal 7, Ottawa 4.
Shawinigan Falls 2, Valleyfield 0.

O.H.A. SR.
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Mack Shows Interest In Future Not Past

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Cornelius J. McGillicuddy celebrates his 87th birthday today, but whether baseball's Connie Mack was born Dec. 22 or 23, 1862, is still an open question.

"I have been told I arrived in the middle of the night," said the manager of Philadelphia Athletics. "Some say it was the 22nd, others the 23rd."

No big celebration is planned. The grand old man of baseball planned only to hold his annual birthday press conference and be the honored guest at a luncheon attended only by relatives and close friends.

Although Connie has been a part of the baseball picture for 66 years—49 as manager of the Athletics—he prefers to think of the future rather than the past.

And most of all, Connie likes to think of things to come in 1950—the year he hopes will bring another World Series championship in celebration of

his golden anniversary as head of the A's.

Not since 1931 has the American League pennant or championship flag flown above Shibe Park. But Connie has high hopes for next season.

Here's how Connie figures his team since laying out \$100,000 recently for new talent:

Bob Dillinger—purchased with outfielder Paul Lehner from St. Louis Browns for \$100,000 plus four players—will strengthen the A's infield.

Lehner can bolster the outfield and Joe Astroth together with Joe Tipton figure to hold down the catching end of the game.

Connie likes his pitching staff and will be even more kindly disposed toward the mound contingent if Joe Coleman reports at playing weight, pitcher Phil Marchildon of Penetanguishene, Ont., overcomes his physical troubles of last season, and Alex Kellner can repeat his 1949 performance.

Ben Hogan's Tourney Play May Be Limited

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Wee Ben Hogan is pretty confident he will return some day to the professional golf tournament circuit.

But the great linksman, whose glittering career was halted almost a year ago in a bus automobile crash, said today he didn't think he ever would be able to play in a tournament that had 36 holes in a single day.

"I don't think I'll ever be able to go two rounds in one day in tournament competition," said Ben as he relaxed at Colonial Country Club here. "But there aren't many tournaments that have 36 holes in one day anyway."

Hogan was pleased that he now is able to play nine to 18 holes a day. He did his first 18-hole rounds Dec. 10 and 11, but traveled the course in a scooter. He registered 71 and 72 over the tough par 70 Colonial course.

SURPLUS WEIGHT

Tuesday he walked around 18 holes and again shot under 80. "I get awfully tired and sometimes my legs swell on me," he said. "But you know—and he grinned at this—"I have to get my weight down."

Hogan looks tanned and healthy but his legs still are bound up and he's far from recovered from the sickening crash of early morning last Feb. 2 when he almost lost his life as his automobile and a bus met head on near Van Horn, Tex.

Hogan was United States Open, National P.G.A. and money-winning king at the time of the crash.

Bowling Scores

SENIOR TENPIN LEAGUE

Bowling-C. Steele 451, S. Jenkins 534, H. Wilson 474, F. Walsh 568, low score 466. Totals: 228, 820, 795-2,594.

Smulders-Ben-W. Gault 487, D. Barr 551, W. Thompson 467, W. Holness 578, J. Leatham 611. Totals: 235, 905, 874-2,614.

Smulders Ben's won two.

Strathmore-C. C. Dixon 617, R. McArthur 561, L. Murrant 511, A. Spouse 574, R. Begg 511. Totals: 274, 968, 928-2,768.

Smulders-B. Patterson 482, P. Sherrin 563, P. Stewart 474, M. Maes 481, J. Paulding 534. Totals: 725, 859, 827-2,413.

Strathmore-C. C. won three.

Tuggerly Shop-J. Howell 453, J. Tuggerly 505, R. Sparks 561, G. Cliff 564, W. Wilson 571. Totals: 875, 867, 881-2,623.

Watson's Men's Wear-A. Palmer 636, W. Johnston 484, W. Loe 597, E. Munro 567, N. Howard 514. Totals: 1,946, 862, 864-2,610.

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COMMERCIAL FIFTEEN LEAGUE

Smulders-McKendrick 723, W. Begg 485, Nash 726, Dubois 484, Maes 523. Handicap 87. Totals: 1,197, 1,087, 935-3,219.

Canada-Packer-H. Miliken 726, E. Dann 627, A. Desjardins 416, J. McEllan 726, H. Cowan 712. Totals: 1,594, 1,254, 1,239-3,801.

Canada-Packer won four points.

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WOMEN'S COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

Terro-V. Loe 425, J. Dand 537, J. Oudell 756, M. Sheppard 475. Handicap 97. Totals: 757, 815, 665-2,237.

Vel Vela-O. Shubbrook 664, J. Gray 474, B. Woodford 587, P. Green 564. Handicap 139. Totals: 726, 670, 830-2,226.

Terro's won two.

Timex-P. Shubbrook 623, R. Birkhead 729, B. Hurry 589, O. Palmer 420, C. Edwards 526. Totals: 893, 1,026, 1,018-2,937.

Mounties-E. Hale 550, B. Perry 581, I. Brown 438. Low score 439, 107 score

Joe Louis Has No Plans For Bouts In B.C. Cities

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Joe Louis' manager said today that the former world heavyweight boxing champion has no plans for a fight in Canada.

Manager Marshall Miles noted that Chairman Alex Fisher of the Vancouver Boxing and Wrestling Commission had said Louis would be barred from an exhibition bout in Vancouver. Fisher was quoted as saying Louis planned appearances in Vancouver and Victoria but that exhibition bouts serve "no good purpose."

Miles said the report of the Vancouver and Victoria bouts was "all news to me." No one had been in touch with him to arrange for any British Columbia bouts.

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Dog Trial Dates Set At Parksville

PARKSVILLE—The Fish and Game Association here has set April 8 and 9 as dates for the 1950 retriever trials.

James Washington has been re-appointed chairman of the trials committee and J. E. Kingsley, field secretary.

The association is hoping national field trials will be held in Parksville in the future.

TIDES

Time	H.T. Time	H.T. Time	H.T. Time	H.T. Time
h.m.	h.m.	h.m.	h.m.	h.m.
22	9.44	9.11	4.4	9.13
23	9.09	9.7	4.1	9.0
24	8.43	9.35	3.5	8.43
25	8.27	9.0	3.18	8.1
26	8.15	8.35	2.5	7.57
27	8.07	8.0	2.18	7.18
28	8.03	7.18	1.58	6.58
29	8.01	6.58	1.35	6.35
30	8.00	6.35	1.10	6.10
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SANTA VISITS PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS—Santa Claus came down a specially constructed chimney at Parliament Buildings Wednesday to distribute gifts to the children of members of the Canadian Legion, Public Service Branch 127. Above he is shown with Joan Barber. The Legion's Christmas party, arranged by a committee headed by Alf Jacklin, included a pantomime complete with animal circus and clowns, candy for the children and tea for their parents.

Says Law Forbids Remand If Accused Not In Court

The case of Robin Pearce and Ronald Sharp, two teen-age boys, who admitted several home robberies in the city recently, had an unusual twist to it when their case was called on remand in city police court this morning.

Both boys are at Oakalla Prison Farm at the present time undergoing an investigation by

the Provincial Probation Branch and the psychiatric clinic as to suitability for committal to the Borstal School at New Haven.

Magistrate H. C. Hall was prepared to remand the case further when Claude L. Harrison, city prosecutor, pointed out that the court had no power to adjourn the case as the two accused were absent.

"I can't recommend anything under the circumstances because the law does not allow it," said Mr. Harrison.

Magistrate Hall said he had taken note of Mr. Harrison's statement, but pointed out that the court had followed the Attorney-General's instructions on the matter. The case of Pearce and Sharp was remanded to Dec. 30. A report from Oakalla is expected by Dec. 28.

The Red Cross has been asked to locate Robert Simeon, formerly of Brantford, Ontario, and believed to be living on Vancouver Island at this time. Anyone knowing Mr. Simeon's present address is asked to contact Red Cross House, 1046 Fort Street, Phone B3159.

New Apartments May Start Trend Toward Rent Cuts

Increasing number of new apartments going up in Victoria will eventually bring rents down for this type of dwelling, was the opinion expressed by some real estate agents in Victoria today.

Realtors said there has never been such widespread construction of apartment buildings in Victoria before. Scores of old homes had been converted into apartments during the past few years.

Realtors felt, however, it would take some time before rentals of apartments began to drop because Victoria lagged behind in the construction of apartments. It was pointed out that most Canadian cities had two or three times the number of apartment dwellings.

LARGE HOMES FIRST
Large homes converted into apartments would be the first to reduce their rents, realtors felt. According to some real estate agents, apartment houses were good investments due to the shortage of this type of dwelling. They also felt that apartments were now charging maximum rents.

It was pointed out that some landlords had recently met with delay in renting their apartments due to high rents. Some apartments in the \$75 to \$125 bracket remained empty for periods of one to five months before being occupied by tenants.

"Money is getting scarcer," said one real estate agent. "People are beginning to feel the pinch of things. Many people will soon no longer be able to pay high rents."

Members of the University of Minnesota Big Ten Conference basketball team were visitors to Victoria today. Arriving from Seattle early in the morning, the players, in charge of Coach Ossie Cowles, were taken on a sight-seeing trip.

After a shopping tour in the early afternoon the team left for Seattle later in the day.

The Gophers invaded the northwest for two exhibition games at Seattle this week with the University of Washington Huskies.

Victoria West lawn bowlers' card party arranged for December 27 has been cancelled.

Fined Cost Of Premium For Hospital Insurance

Robert E. Graham, who last week told Magistrate H. C. Hall he nearly "went crazy with pain" while waiting 66 days to be admitted to Royal Jubilee Hospital, has been ordered to pay \$15 hospital insurance premium he owes or serve three days in jail.

Graham, who lives at 2592 Cook Street, appeared on remand in city police court today before Magistrate Hall on a charge of failing to pay his hospital insurance premium on the due date.

The magistrate said he had received a report from the insurance service department confirming the story Graham told the court Saturday.

"The department says that a substantial sum was paid to you, which you were entitled to," the magistrate told Graham, who has four dependents.

"I will not impose any penalty on you for costs, but under the law you must pay the premiums," the police magistrate told accused. Graham had said in his earlier appearance that he had been

ordered to hospital by his physician on Jan. 7 this year, but had not been admitted until March 14. He did not see why he had to pay the government for services "when the government cannot produce the goods," Graham said he had never had trouble getting in the hospital during seven years prior to the insurance scheme.

Graham was given until Jan. 5 to pay the \$15. He had previously told the court he had no money to pay the premium because of doctors' bills for himself and his son, and because of other debts he owed. After hearing Graham's story, Claude L. Harrison, city prosecutor, said "I think every sympathy is due him."



Get Same Ride As Witnesses

Two Toronto newspapermen, Charles Coady, above, left, and Paul Smith, right, shown here with his daughter, met a hostile reception in Joliette, Que., where recent demonstrations against Jehovah Witnesses were staged. They got the same ride that two Ontario girls, Olive Lundell and Winnifred Parsons, both Witnesses, had got several days ago. Glen Howe, Toronto lawyer for the Witnesses, said he and another Witness, Paul Couture of Montreal, left town a few steps ahead of a howling mob. They left the Town Hall at Joliette, he said, and were pursued down the street. They got into taxi which drove them out of town, and were followed by their pursuers in cars. (S.N.S. Photo)

Motorists Now Able To Drive Around To See Lighted Houses

Now Victoria streets once again are free of slippery ice and packed snow, car owners need have no qualms about driving their families around to view the homes entered in this year's Christmas decorative lighting contest.

While the 17 homes which have been specifically decorated for the contest have been illuminated every night since the beginning of the week, not many people have ventured out to see them.

Now the weather is fine again, sight-seers are expected out in good numbers. Bill Morrison, chairman of the Junior Chamber of Commerce committee in charge of this year's lighting contest, points out that no car caravan will be held this year. The following list of contest entrants is provided so that motorists can select their own route to suit their convenience.

Contestants:
A. T. Thompson, 1161 Burdett Avenue; Kenneth Reid, 1075 Penitence Place; J. Lomas, 1893 Hollywood Crescent; R. S. Porter, 610 Dallas Road; Frank H. Partridge, 151 Beach Drive; A. N. Creery, 2700 Thompson Avenue; W. C. Meares, 3245 Beach Drive; E. Jones, 2358 Hamiota Street; E. F. Burton, 3400 Upper Terrace; H. M. Diggon, 3606 Cadboro Bay Road; Mrs. A. Strath, 2760 Burdick Avenue; Lew MacDonald, 3131 Service Street; Hampton Court, 159 Cook Street; T. Cooper, 155 Burnside Road; G. V. Bishop, 4159 Wilkinson Road; John H. Sutton, 828 Devonshire Road.

Yule Atmosphere At Empress Hotel

The Empress Hotel is assuming a festive look as chefs, waitresses, waiters and bus-boys prepare to serve 800 Christmas dinners in three days' time. Cedar boughs surround the entire lobby, and a solid mass of the green boughs with pointsettias mixed in cover the area above the large fireplaces in the main lobby.

A huge lighted Christmas tree is in the centre of the dining room. Reservations for the dinner, which is served along the theme of an old English feast, complete with boar's head, and flaming plum pudding, since have long been filled. The 800 merry-makers will be seated in the main dining room, the grill room, the rear lobby, the ballroom and the outer lobby. Included in the 800, most of whom come from all over the Pacific northwest and California, will be Victorians.

Alderman-Elect's Mother Dies Here

Mrs. Jennie Pinfold, mother of alderman-elect William F. Pinfold and Albert F. Pinfold, Victoria, died early today in private hospital after a lengthy illness. She was 82.

Born in Bridlington, Yorkshire, Mrs. Pinfold came to Canada 36 years ago and had lived in and around Victoria the past 25 years.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edwin F. Pinfold, 22 years ago.

In addition to her two sons here, Mrs. Pinfold is survived by three sisters and three brothers in Yorkshire, England. Private funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 3 at Sands' Mortuary.

Sentences 2 Men To 60 Days In Jail

Herbert J. Urquhart and Joseph Atkinson, no fixed address, each were sentenced to 60 days in jail by Magistrate H. C. Hall in city police court today. Urquhart pleaded guilty to theft of an overcoat from a cafe and Atkinson was found guilty. Both have previous records of convictions. Atkinson asked that sentences start on the day of arrest. The magistrate agreed.

A plea of not guilty was entered by Max Arenott, 2655 Fernwood Road, when a charge of careless driving was read against him in city police court today. He was remanded to Dec. 30. Charge was laid Dec. 15.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Eagle Turkey Winners—1868, 18467, 13285, 5891, 14152, 6881, 3132, 9357, 13189, 2751, 1674, 7245, 14471, 5806, 18314, 12924, 15333, 18042, 16649. Turkeys may be picked up at Eagle office, View Street, on Friday, at 1 p.m. ***
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CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR ORPHANS—Children at the B.C. Protestant Orphanage were royally entertained Wednesday night when members of the Victoria Junior Chamber of Commerce staged their third annual Christmas party at the Cook Street home. Musical entertainment was provided by the Hometowners. Films were shown and the evening concluded with an appearance by Santa Claus, in the person of chamber president Joe Manton. Arrangements for the party were made by a committee headed by Laurie Smith.

Watch Locked In Court Safe Delays County Court Trial

A stolen wrist watch locked up at the courthouse for safe keeping today delayed the trial of Jack Hansen, Cormorant Street, for a half hour.

As the Crown was about to proceed with its case against Hansen in County Court it was discovered that the watch necessary as an exhibit for the trial was missing.

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'Y' Christmas Eve Party Open To All

If you haven't a place to spend Christmas Eve you are invited to the Y.M.C.A. Program director Bob Morrison issued this blanket invitation today stressing the fact the party is open to one and all.

There will be the usual festivities befitting the occasion with movies, carol singing and refreshments. The party starts at 8 in the mural room.

Friday the annual membership party will be held with invitations limited to members and their guests.

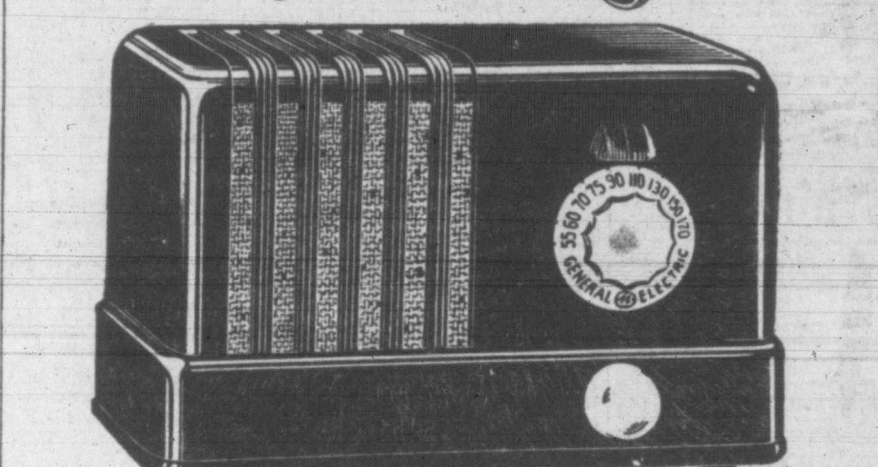
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The Innocent Impostor

By Renee Shann

Chapter 27
ROGER moved his chair a little nearer to Patience's. Dwight drew one up next to Charlotte.
"Have a drink," said Roger, summoning the waiter. And when he'd given the order: "When did you decide to come to Paris?"
"Just a day or two back."
"You were clever to track us down here," smiled Charlotte. "I guessed you'd probably be here or at the Cafe de la Paix around drinking time."
She smiled at him.
"Any plans for this evening, Dwight?"
"None. Have you?"
"Not yet."
"Can I join up with you three?"
"Sure. That'll be grand," said Charlotte.
Patience felt a hand stray to here beneath the table. Roger murmured in her ear.
"We'll have fun, you and I. We might possibly lose the others."
"What's that?" asked Charlotte.
Roger grinned.
"You'll know later," said Dwight looking around for the waiter.
"Let's have some more drinks."
Patience shook her head.
"I don't think I will, thank you."
"I don't think I will either," said Charlotte. "I'd like to be getting along to the hotel."
They sauntered back together.

They talked over what they should do that evening.
"We could get seats for some show," suggested Dwight.
"But it's Sunday," protested Patience.
"That makes no difference in Paris," said Roger. "Didn't you know, darling, that it's a wicked city?"
"I believe the Folies Bergere is worth seeing," said Dwight. "That's O.K. by me," said Charlotte.
Roger hesitated.
"You take Charlotte there, Dwight, and I'll find somewhere else for Patience."
"Why?" asked Patience.
"I don't think you'd like it."
"Oh gosh," said Charlotte. "I forgot my little sister's careful upbringing."
"Why wouldn't I like it?" asked Patience.
Roger tucked her arm through his.
"It's not suitable for nice little girls like you."
SUITS ALL RIGHT
Dwight said: "That arrangement suits me all right. Actually I've got to see that show. That's one of the reasons I'm over here. There's a girl in it I'm interested in."
"Another one?" asked Charlotte.
"Sure. I'm interested in lots of girls. Didn't you know? They're my job."
"You're awfully commercial, aren't you?"
His expression changed as he looked at her.
"Not always."

Patience saw Charlotte's color rise. She thought: "What is going on between those two?" And felt certain there was something. Something, too, that Roger didn't very much like.
He said now, a trifle irritably, "Well, what are we going to do this evening?" We'd better make up our minds about it."
"Let's dine together anyway," said Charlotte. "And if we go on to different shows we'll meet up later for supper."
It wasn't a successful dinner party. Patience knew she'd be thankful when it was over. True, the food was excellent, also the wine, and for her at least it was exciting just to be sitting in a smart Parisian restaurant. But the other three seemed singularly ill-tempered. There'd be spasms of conversation and then strained silence. Till at last Dwight called for the bill.
"Where shall we meet after?" he asked.
"Somewhere in Montmartre, I suggest," said Charlotte. "Some place where we can dance."
"Let's make no plans," said Roger. "We'll probably bump into each other."
Charlotte looked at him.
"Is that what you'd really prefer?"
"Yes."
Dwight grinned at her.
"We don't want to thrust ourselves on them, do we?"
Patience said desperately: "Wouldn't it be nicer for us all to be together?"
No one seemed to agree with

her. And soon Roger and she were in a taxi-taking them to the ballet.
"Do you like ballet, Patience?"
"I've never yet been to any."
"I've an idea you will."
He was right, of course. She found it enchanting. She sat spellbound, her hand in his, listening entranced to the lovely music, watching the exquisite dancing, the color, the settings.
IN A TRANCE
She listened to the thunderous applause that came when at last it was over, too moved to clap herself, too deeply stirred even for words.
"Come out of your trance," said Roger gently.
She turned dazed eyes to look at him.
"Roger—thank you for bringing me. I can't begin to tell you how much I've enjoyed it. I'd no idea anything could be so wonderful."
She rose slowly to her feet. Roger helped her into her long velvet coat, his hands lingering on her shoulders. She followed the people out from their rows of seats, and remembered that other occasion when together they'd left a theatre. Then there'd been Paul. Paul standing some distance away from her turning to look at her with that cold hard stare which made her think he'd completely finished with her. How sick at heart she'd been that evening!
But now—was it possible that Roger was making her forget Paul a little?
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Announcements

BIRTHS
GILL—To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gill, 220 Irving Road, at St. Joseph's Hospital, on Dec. 21, 1949, a son.

McCLEAN—To Mr. and Mrs. John S. McClean, 7720 First Avenue, a daughter, on Dec. 22, 1949, at St. Joseph's Hospital.

McCLAIN—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. McClain, P.O. Box 1, Victoria, a son, on Dec. 20, 1949, at St. Joseph's Hospital.

DEATHS
CHESTON—In Victoria, B.C., on Dec. 22, 1949, Edward Cheston, husband of Kathleen Cheston, in his 76th year, born in Birmingham, Eng., and a former resident of Regina, Sask., he came to Victoria three years ago. He leaves to mourn his passing, besides his wife, Kathleen, two sons, Robert and Cecil, of Regina, three grandchildren, also one brother and two sisters in England.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 24, 1949, at 1:30 in McCall Bros. Funeral Directors, 1230 Pike officiating. Cremation. (The funeral by request.)

BURIALS
DUNLEAVY—Passed away suddenly at the Naval Hospital, at Esquimalt, B.C., on Dec. 21, 1949, P.I.C.K. B.C. Edward Dunleavy, in his 76th year, born in Brockville, Ont., and a resident of Victoria for the past four years. Survived by his relatives in Brockville, the remains will be forwarded to Brockville, Ont., where funeral services and interment will be held. Arrangements with the Sands Mortuary Ltd., Funeral Directors.

JONES—On Dec. 21, 1949, Mrs. Norah Amelia Jones, aged 66 years, of 1088 Cavendish Avenue, widow of Richard W. Jones, born in Victoria, and had resided here all her life. She leaves to mourn her passing, three sons, James, William, and John, all of Langford, B.C., and a sister, Miss Margaret T. M. Jones, of Victoria. Strictly private funeral services in Vancouver, B.C., on Friday, Dec. 23, 1949, at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home of the late Mrs. Jones. Burial in the Victoria Memorial Park Cemetery. Cremation. (The funeral by request.)

JONES—Passed away at the Victoria Memorial Hospital, North Shore, B.C., on Dec. 19, 1949, Mr. Alexander Charles Jones, in his 76th year, born in S.S. 1910, and a resident of Esquimalt, B.C., for the past 15 years. Survived by his wife, Rosa, and two sons, David and Robert. The family residence is at Esquimalt, B.C., at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 23, 1949, at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24, 1949, at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 25, 1949, at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 26, 1949, at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1949, at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 1949, at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 29, 1949, at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30, 1949, at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31, 1949, at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 1, 1950, at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 2, 1950, at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 1950, at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1950, at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 5, 1950, at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 6, 1950, at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, 1950, at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 8, 1950, at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9, 1950, at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1950, at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1950, at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, 1950, at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, 1950, at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 14, 1950, at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 15, 1950, at 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Justice Minister To Receive Report On Combines Dec. 31

OTTAWA (BUP)—Reports of two investigations into suspected combines made by Fred McGregor, combines commissioner, will be in the hands of Justice Minister Stuart Garson Dec. 31, McGregor said Wednesday.

This will be McGregor's last official act before resigning Dec. 31.

The commissioner refused to reveal what industries were involved in his two reports, but contented himself with a statement that neither report concerned the rubber industry.

It was understood one concerned flat glass manufacturers.

The reports will be made public by Jan. 15.

Garson's failure earlier this year to publish McGregor's report on the flour-milling industry led to the combines commissioner's resignation. Garson later was the subject of severe criticism in Parliament, and he promised M.P.'s that never again would he withhold combines reports beyond the statutory 15-day period.

Australia To Keep White Policy, Says Immigration Chief

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Harold Holt, Immigration Minister in new cabinet, said Wednesday Australia will not depart from her traditional white Australia policy.

The minister added, however, that the new administration will exercise discretion in cases calling for special consideration.

The white Australian policy, pursued by Labor government and other previous regimes, restricts immigration.

The High Court of Australia Wednesday upheld Labor government's wartime Refugee Removal Act and the Immigration Act of 1949 after their constitutionality had been challenged.

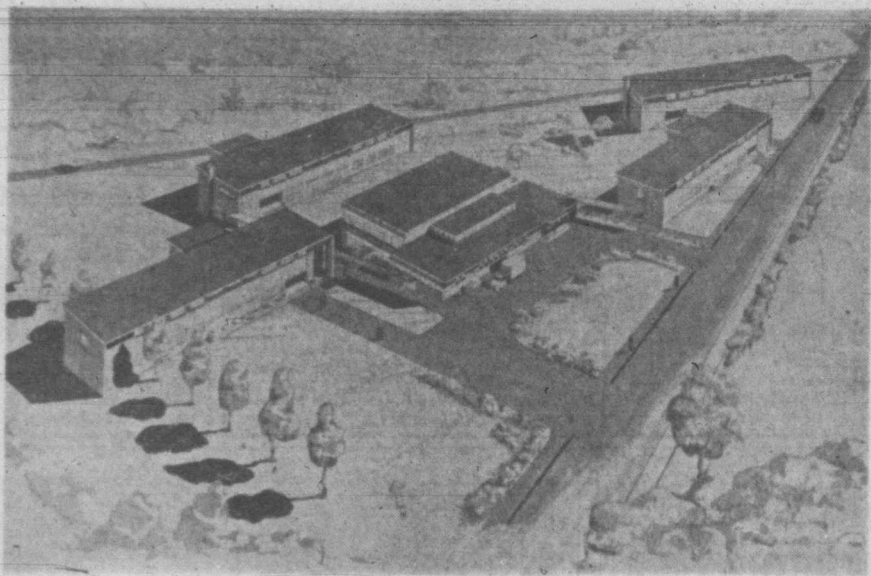
In its strict legal meaning the decision affects many hundreds of Chinese, Malays and Indonesians married to Australians.

Holt told a press conference there would be no deportations without proper examination under his administration.

"My own approach will, I hope, be sensible and sympathetic," he added.

NO JAIL BREAK

LEWES, England—A woman living near Lewes prison saw two men jump down from the prison wall. She gave the alarm; the warden ordered all convicts locked in their cells. Search parties found the "escapees" were civilian workers who had been repairing the prison wall.



U.B.C. WOMEN'S RESIDENCES—This is an architect's picturing of the proposed five-building project to provide the first permanent housing accommodation for women on the University of British Columbia campus. Work will probably proceed immediately on either three or four of the two-story fire-resistant residence buildings, each to house 52 students in single and double rooms. This phase of the project will cost about \$600,000. The central building, a cafeteria-social centre, will be constructed at a later date.

C.N.R. APPOINTMENT

WINNIPEG—Appointment of Charles R. Waterman as superintendent of investigation for the western region is announced by

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YOUR OLD FRIEND BACK AGAIN

TO SAY 'Good Health'

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EATON'S

Special! Upholstered Arm Chair



Choice of Leatherettes and Plastics

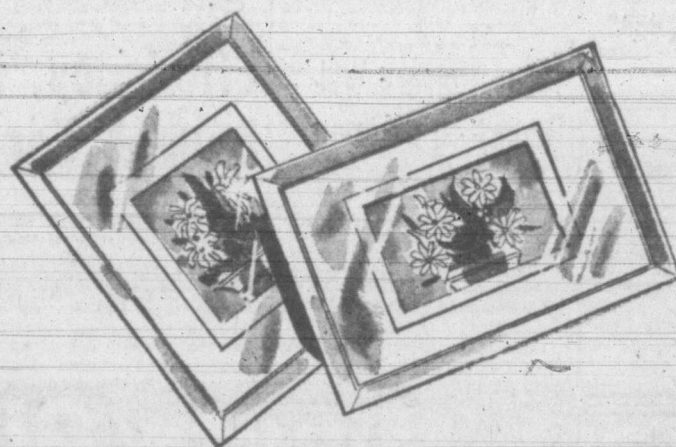
This fine chair has been specially designed for comfort and hard use. Has a sturdy hardwood frame in blond finish, spring seat and upholstered back of hard-wearing leatherette or plastic in a choice of bright colourings.

SPECIAL, each

13.33

EATON'S—FURNITURE DEPARTMENT, SECOND FLOOR

Pictures and Photo Frames — Half Price



Clearing at half price . . . a group of pictures including reproductions of old masters, views, oil-ettes and florals, . . . also glass photo frames in a selection of sizes.

SPECIAL

39c to 5.95

EATON'S—PICTURES, LOWER MAIN FLOOR

EATON'S Bargain Basement



Nylon Hosiery

Factory rejects of women's nylon hosiery . . . circular knit with mock seams. 42 and 45-gauge in a choice of dark shades. **49c**
Sizes 8½ to 11.

Full-Fashioned Nylons

Factory rejects of full-fashioned nylon hose that features pencil seams and stretchy tops. 42 and 45-gauge in a selection of new shades. **69c**

Substandard Nylons

Full-fashioned nylon hosiery in a choice of lovely shades. Flaws are slight and should not affect the wearing quality. 42 and 45-gauge in sizes 8½ to 10½. **89c**

Lisle Hosiery

Substandards of serviceable lisle hose in popular beige shades. Practical hosiery for everyday wear. Sizes 8½ to 11. **39c**

Wool and Cotton Hose

Substandards with trifling flaws . . . of strong wool and cotton with stretchy, ribbed tops. Beige and gunmetal in sizes 8½ to 10½. **89c**

Children's Hosiery

Full-length cotton and wool hose to keep the kiddies warm during the cold weather. Rib knit in beige shade only. **49c**
Sizes 7 to 10.

Men's Half Hose

Practical plain wool anklets or cotton half hose in clocked or striped designs. A choice of colours in sizes 10 to 11½. **39c**

Men's Diamond Socks

Short-length wool and cotton socks in bold diamond patterns on grey, navy, green, tan, or blue grounds. **1.19**
Sizes 10½ to 12.

Wool Work Socks

Men's serviceable wool work socks in plain white or grey with white heels and toes. Standard size. **55c**

EATON'S—BARGAIN BASEMENT

Heartiest Greetings
for
Christmas
and the
New Year



BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE CO.

Christmas Week Changes in EATON'S Rural Delivery Schedule

Deliveries to Jordan River, Otter Point, Sooke, Metchosin, etc., will be made Friday, December 30.

Deliveries to Sidney, Deep Cove, Patricia Bay, etc., will be made Wednesday, December 28 and Saturday, December 31.

All other deliveries as usual.

January 2—No deliveries.

Remainder of week as usual.

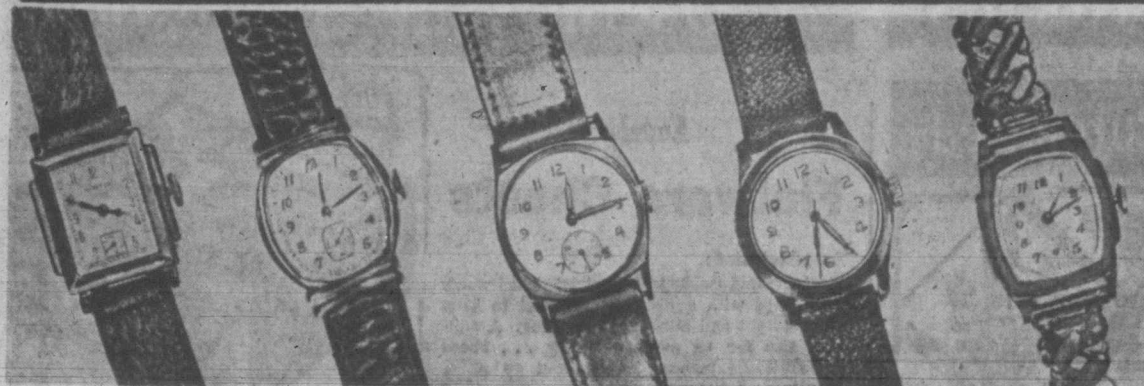
STORE HOURS: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

EATON'S
BRITISH COLUMBIA LIMITED

Phone E 4141

EATON'S... *the Friendly Christmas Store*

Watches for Men and Women... the Gift of Their Lifetime



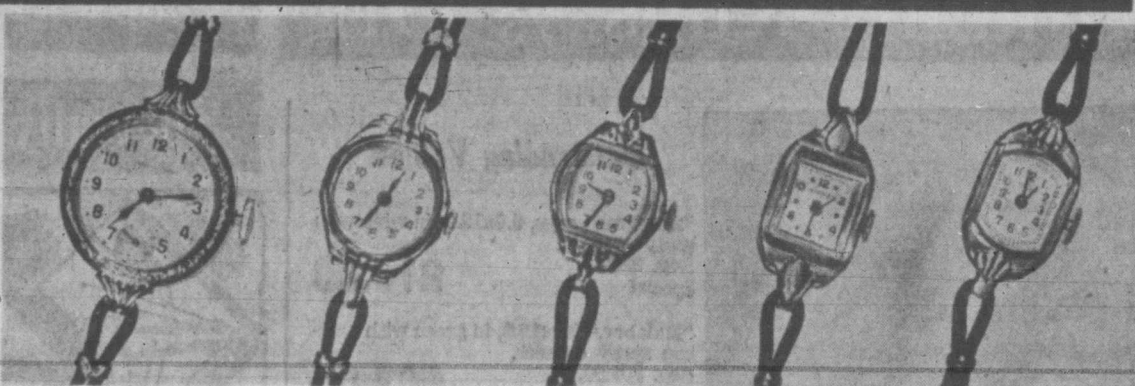
15-Jewel Movement, plain dial, rectangular style casing. 10k rolled gold plated front, stainless steel back... sturdy leather strap. Complete in presentation box. **10.95**

Modern Wrist Watch in square design... modernistic raised type dial. 15-jewel movement... 10k rolled gold plated front... stainless steel back. Complete in presentation box. **15.00**

17-Jewel Solar Movement. Stainless steel case... round dial with luminous figures and hands. Small black second hand... leather wrist strap. Complete in presentation box. **17.50**

Waterproof, Dustproof Watch... nickel chromium case with stainless steel back. Dependable 15-jewel movement. Luminous figures and hands... red sweep second hand. Complete in presentation box. **22.50**

21-Jewel Solar Watch... 10k yellow gold-filled case. Cushion shape dial with raised figures and small second hand. Expansion bracelet has gold-filled top and stainless steel back. Complete in presentation box. **30.00**



Young Misses' 15-Jewel Wrist Watch... 10k rolled gold plated front, stainless steel back. Round face design with dainty cord bracelet. Complete in attractive presentation box. **10.95**

Women's 17-Jewel Wrist Watch... dainty round face... 10k rolled gold plated front, stainless steel back. Yellow figures and hands. Dainty cord bracelet. **17.50**

Women's Rectangular Style Watch... 15-jewel movement. 10k rolled gold plated front and back... square easy-to-read dial. Complete in attractive presentation box. **20.00**

Women's Watch... 17-jewel movement. Square case, raised rock crystal. Black figures and hands. 10k rolled gold plated front, stainless steel back. Cord bracelet. **21.95**

17-Jewel Movement... new, modern design... plain, easy-to-read figures. 10k rolled gold plated front... stainless steel back. Smart cord bracelet. **25.00**

EATON'S—WATCHES, MAIN FLOOR

Men's Lodge and Signet Rings



Men's Lodge Rings. Of 10k yellow gold... a large assortment of shapes and designs... featuring black onyx with raised crest, ruby stone with raised crest or plain gold top with crest. Some with diamond set. Gift boxed. **14.95 to 40.00**

Men's Signet Rings. Beautiful patterns of gleaming 10k gold. Finished with embossed shoulders. Fine weight... solid top. Two script initials engraved without extra charge. **10.00**

Diamond-Set Signet Rings. 10k yellow gold... solid head, fluted designs on shoulders. Attractive designs... truly "the gift of his life!" Gift boxed. **30.00 to 60.00**

EATON'S—JEWELLERY, MAIN FLOOR

Jewellery Accessories for Men

Men's Jewellery Sets. Consisting of key chain, tie clip and collar slip. Gold-filled... complete in cellophane-covered presentation box. **15.00**

Men's Dress Knives. Gold plated... two blades and shackle. Space for initial. Compact size... easy to wear. **4.00**

Men's Key Chain. Gold-filled... snake style... serviceably made. Wrapped in attractive presentation box. **10.00**

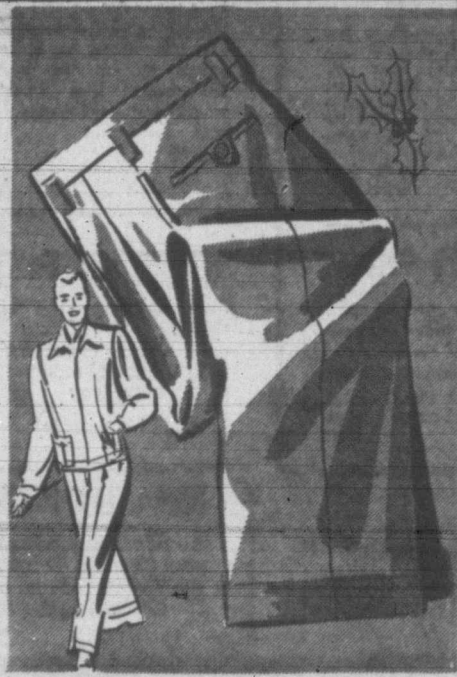


EATON'S—JEWELLERY, MAIN FLOOR

Timely Last-Minute Gift Suggestions for Men



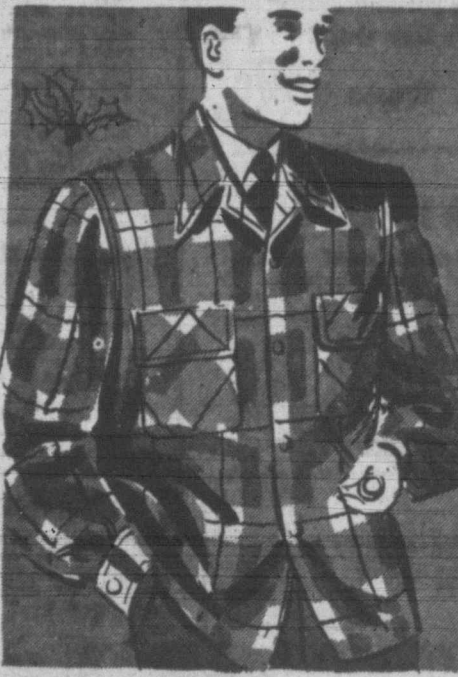
Penguin Cloth Windbreaker. The all-purpose jacket he'll be able to wear everywhere! Of fine lightweight, showerproof poplin... tailored in EATON'S own factory to rigid specifications. Sizes 36 to 46. **10.95**



Dress or Leisure Slacks. Proportionally tailored... styled for long wear. In all wool covert and worsted tweed fabrics... finished with pleated front and full zipper closing. Waistband sizes 30 to 44. Pair **9.95**



Reversible All-Purpose Jacket. The "Two-in-One Jacket"... red plaid on one side, showerproof cotton poplin on reverse. Styled with zipper front, two slash pockets and zipper breast pocket. Sizes 36 to 44. **13.95**



Authentic Tartan, All-Wool Plaid Sport Shirt. For the male who likes his shirts rugged and bold! Well-cut... styled with two roomy breast pockets and lined neck. Sizes 14 to 16½. **8.50**



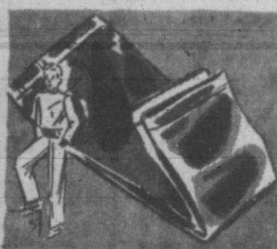
Dress and Sport Slacks. To complement his sport and dress wardrobe! All-wool gabardines in shades of brown, tan and teal... grey worsted flannels. Slacks finished with drop belt loops, pleated front and zipper closing. Sizes 30 to 44. **14.95 to 19.95**

EATON'S—MEN'S WEAR, MAIN FLOOR

Clothing Gift Suggestions for Boys



Roughie Corduroy Longs. Heavy cord... expertly tailored, reinforced throughout. Shades of cream, fawn and platinum. Sizes 27 to 32-inch waist. **9.50**



Barathen Long Pants. A popular and serviceable weight for school or dress wear! In blue, teal and brown. Sizes 27 to 32-inch waist. **7.95**

Gabardine Sport Shirts. Comfortably tailored on casual proportions... shades of green, fawn and brown. Sizes 12 to 16 years. **4.50**

Tweed Pants for Youths. Hard-wearing... conservative. Neatly styled... tailored on roomy proportions. Shades of grey and brown. Sizes 27 to 32 inch waist. **4.95**



Boys' Broadcloth Pyjamas. Roomily cut... finished with lapel collar. Smart stripe patterns. Selection of colours. Sizes 10 to 18 years. **2.95**



Yama Cloth Pyjamas. Comfortably tailored for smooth sleeping! Attractive stripe patterns. Sizes 10 to 14 years. **2.95**

EATON'S—BOYS' CLOTHING, GOVERNMENT STREET

Gift Slippers for Men



Leather Style Slippers. Soft brown leather uppers with leather soles and padded heels. Crafted on easy-fitting last to insure comfortable wear! Sizes 6 to 12. **3.95**

Smart Opera Style Slippers. "Custom-craft" brown calf operas with hand-turned leather soles. Easy-fitting slippers styled to accentuate periods of foot relaxation! Sizes 6 to 11. **6.50**

Comfortable Roman Slippers. Of soft brown calf with hand-turned leather soles and heels. A better grade slipper... sturdily crafted for longer wear! Sizes 6 to 11. Widths D and EE. **6.50**

EATON'S—MEN'S SHOES, GOVERNMENT STREET

The EATON GUARANTEE "Goods Satisfactory or Money Refunded" T. EATON CO. LIMITED

EATON'S... the Friendly Christmas Store

Indian Rugs 1/3 Off



Outstanding Values!

"Amritsar" rugs, 9.0x12.0, in wine with spray corners.
Reg. 325.00.
Special **215.00**

"Malabar," 9.0x12.0, in green with bamboo spray corners.
Reg. 305.00.
Special **203.00**

"Amritsar," 9.0x11.4, in plain honey beige.
Reg. 298.00.
Special **198.00**

"Malabar," 6.0x9.0, in turquoise and green with spray corners or plain blue.
Reg. 150.00.
Special **98.00**

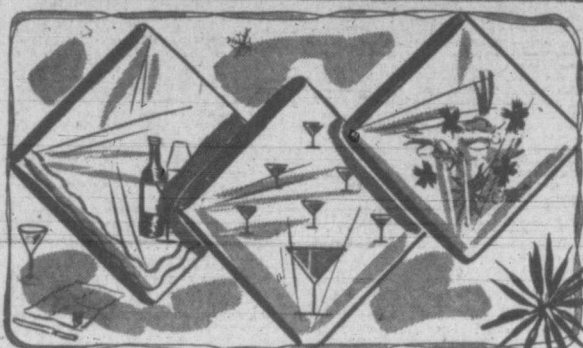
Indian rug, 6.0x9.0, in green with carved Chinese corner motifs.
Reg. 98.00.
Special **65.00**

"Malabar," 6.2x11.0, in plain blue.
Reg. 185.00.
Special **123.00**

EATON'S—FLOOR COVERINGS, SECOND FLOOR

Paper Napkins

Specially Purchased



Add the finishing touch to your Christmas party with these dainty cocktail napkins. In a choice of attractive coloured designs on white grounds. A timely special at this remarkably low price! Special, package

10c

EATON'S—STATIONERY, LOWER MAIN FLOOR

A Useful Gift Suggestion

Lovely

Flatware Chests

As Illustrated:
Medium-Sized Cabinet of walnut-finished wood, fully lined with anti-tarnish material to keep silver bright and minimize scratching. A suitable size for an average family... about 14 1/2 x 10 1/2 x 3 1/2 inches. Holds about 58 pieces of flatware. **5.00**

Drawer-Style Cabinet of highly polished, walnut-finished wood, richly lined with anti-tarnish material. Designed to hold about 120 pieces of flatware. Size about 17 x 11 x 6 1/2 inches. **12.00**

Not Illustrated:
Large Cabinet of richly grained, walnut-finished wood, lined with anti-tarnish materials. Holds about 102 pieces of flatware. Size about 17 x 11 x 4 1/2 inches. **6.75**

Wooden Frame Cabinet covered in heavy embossed paper and fully lined. In two-tone colouring... white with red. Holds about 58 pieces. Size about 15 x 10 1/2 x 3 inches. **2.50**

EATON'S—SILVERWARE, GOVERNMENT STREET



Toys Specially Priced For Last Minute Shopping

Magic Dolls

Rose Marie—the glamour girl of the "magic" dolls, whose smart collection of clothes adhere to her.
Regular 1.49. Special **98c**
Doll Playmates—twin "magic" dolls with real clothes for small dress-makers to cut out and apply.
Regular 1.19. Special **69c**

Plastic Play Set

Attractive boxed miniature play set composed of merry-go-round, rocking horse, bicycle and tiny doll to ride them all.
Reg. 98c. Special **49c**

Rocking Chair

Sturdy, well-made hardwood rocker with a solid seat, panel back, braced arm rests and braced rockers. In natural finish.
Special **4.98**

Sidewalk Bicycles

Sturdy all-metal model in blue enamel and chromium plate. It has adjustable handlebars, rubber adjustable spring seat, free-wheeling coaster brakes, cushion rubber tires and rubber tread pedals. Models for boys or girls. Regular 32.50.
Special **26.95**

Nine o'Clock Specials

Sport Roadster

Super all-metal pedal car for the 2 to 4 years age group, with opening side door. Has adjustable windshield, speedometer type dashboard, real steering wheel, 8-inch disc wheels with thick rubber tires, rubber pedal treads, wide fenders, and a bright metal "radiator" with number plate and headlamps. Regular 18.50. Half price.
9 o'clock Special **9.25**

Electric Train Set

Made in England by a famous firm, this sturdy metal train, with variable speed control, automatic couplings, steam type engine, 0-4-0, runs on A.C. and includes engine, tender, 3 cars, 12 curved and 3 straight sections of track. Complete with terminal and rail connecting plates and instruction book. Regular 21.75.
9 o'clock Special **12.75**

Hockey Game

Exciting game for two players. The board has cleverly arranged peg sweeps for players and goalies, and the puck is a steel ball. Operated by hand pulls at either end. Playing surface, about 36 inches long. Two models.
Standard model. **5.98**
De Luxe model. **7.98**
9 o'clock Special

Patsy Doll—1/2 Price

New as tomorrow! She cries real tears, she blows bubbles, she drinks, she wets! Pliable all-rubber doll in the new tinted real skin effect, she seems as lifelike as a real baby. In special box that folds into a decorated candle. Reg. 5.98.
9 o'clock Special **2.98**

Fire Engine

He's ready for 4-alarm fires with this big, all-steel, red enameled fire engine. The bell clangs, the siren blows, two sturdy ladders are ready for use. Rubber-tired disc wheels, steering wheel and well-shaped, comfortable seat.
Special **4.99**

Doll's Clothes

Large assortment of well-cut coat and dress sets for dolls of various lengths, each set cellophane wrapped. The coat sets consist of beanie and hat in wool or corduroy, and the dress sets are made up of frilly dresses, bonnets and matching panties in cottons and muslins, printed, spotted or plain. Regularly from 75c to 1.95.

Special **39c to 98c**

Wonderland Party Set

Just right for the kindergarten party. Real coffee percolator, cake plate and service for six in light-weight aluminum. Set complete with gay paper napkins. Regular 2.98.
Special **1.49**

Canister Sets

Attractive 3-piece canister sets for junior homemakers. All metal, in gay yellow or red, with zoo animal drawings for decorations. Largest tin is about 5 inches high and 3 inches across.
Special, set **9c**

Jeep Pedal Car

An all-metal jeep-style pedal car for the toddler. Disc wheels with heavy rubber tires, steering wheel, strong bumper with parcel space behind seat. Smooth running. Special **19.95**

Dolly's Washing Machine

All-plastic, hand-operated washing machine for dolly's laundry. It has clear plastic sides and top, detachable hand-operated wringer and rubber draining tube. Special **98c**

Mobo, the Riding Horse—1/2 Price

An all-metal mechanical horse, propelled by pedal action. A big dapple grey standing 30 inches high, he wears a gay red saddle and bridle, and the stirrups act as pedals. Solid rubber wheels under the hoofs. Regular 39.50. Special **19.75**

EATON'S—TOYLAND, ARCADE BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR

EATON'S Powerful New Acme Electric Vacuum Cleaner



INCLUDES THESE CLEANING TOOLS

- On-Off Switch is Foot-Controlled!
- Handy, Easy-to-Grip Hollow Handle!
- Chromium-Plated Easy-Sliding Runners!
- Smooth and Quiet in Operation!

EATON'S Acme Vacuum merits your careful inspection. Starts and stops at a touch of your foot. Readily-lifted by easy-to-grip handle. Slides on sturdy runners. Operates without causing interference on your neighbour's radio or your own. Used with the handy attachments described below it gets at dirt and dust almost anywhere in the house.

A. De-moister; B. Crevice Tool; C. Dusting Brush; D. Wands; E. Rug Nozzle; F. Sprayer; G. Dusting Brush; H. Upholstery Nozzle.

Acme Vacuum Cleaner, including Attachments **89.50**

Budget Plan Terms May Be Arranged, If Desired

EATON'S—MAJOR APPLIANCES, VIEW STREET

To Make Home a Lovelier Place to Live

Attractive Bedding and Staples

Coloured Bedthrows of all wool in a resilient, deeply-napped weave, finished with wide rayon satin bindings. In lovely plain colours of gold colour, green, mauve, rosewood, rose, blue and wine.

60x80-inch size, Each **7.98**

70x84-inch size, Each **9.98**

Chenille Type Bedspreads in beautiful closely tufted designs. In white or pastels with multi-coloured designs. Double bed size. Each, **11.95**

Terry Towel Ensembles with matching bath mat in a new design: exclusive to EATON'S. Thickly looped, highly absorbent towels to match or blend with your bathroom. In shades of daffodil, chartreuse, palomino, green, watermelon, rosewood, grey, blue, yellow and red.

Bath towel, size 22x42 inches. Each **1.98**

Hand towel, size 16x28 inches. Each **98c**

Face towel, size 12x12 inches. Each **35c**

Bath mat, size 22x30 inches. Each **2.39**

Bedspreads of firmly woven cotton in the new trellis design. In a choice of lovely colours. Size 86x100 inches. Each **7.95**

EATON'S—STAPLES, MAIN FLOOR

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Canadian Athletes In City

Way To British Games

FOUR STAR FINAL

Exchange Blows In Court Over Custody Of Boy

MONTREAL (CP)—A wild scene occurred in a courtroom here today when two women exchanged blows over possession of a child whose custody Mr. Justice Louis Lorranger had awarded to a foster mother.

The battle came when the judge ruled that adoption of a six-year-old boy by Mrs. Donald Moffatt of Plattsburg, N.Y., was valid.

The child's own mother, Mrs. Amedee Poirier, declared the adoption papers were false, signed by Mrs. Moffatt, contended she had seen the Montreal woman sign the documents.

As the judge awarded custody of the child to the Plattsburg woman, Mrs. Poirier tried to take the child away. Blows were exchanged.

The courtroom became quiet momentarily, but as the principles left the chamber, the battle broke out again and two Provincial Policemen were called to separate the two mothers.

MOTHER COLLAPSES

Mrs. Poirier collapsed in the corridor and a doctor had to be called to revive her.

Mrs. Moffatt contended the child had been adopted under a duly-recorded judgment of the Montreal Superior Court, but had been taken away two months ago from the home of Mrs. Moffatt's mother and brought to Montreal where he was illegally detained.

Mr. Justice Lorranger ruled that the Superior Court judgment must be considered valid unless it was proved to have been fraudulently obtained. Since there was no evidence of this, the child must be delivered to the parents who had adopted him.

Stock Market At Highest For Year

NEW YORK (AP)—The stock market in a strong advance today established a high mark for the year.

Prices on average now stand at the highest level since mid-July of 1948.

Today the gains ranged from a few cents to more than \$2 a share among leading issues.

The advance reversed the three-day losing streak earlier this week and wiped out the previous losses.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks moved up 70 cents to an average of \$71.10.

Eggs At 23 Cents

WINDSOR, Ont. (CP)—Essex County poultry dealers reported today grade A large eggs selling for as low as 23 cents a dozen, the lowest price here since the 30s. In Windsor wholesalers were asking 34 to 35 cents a dozen.

Abolish Warrant Rank

OTTAWA (CP)—The navy said today it has abolished the rank of warrant officer and introduced a new rank of "commissioned officer" to take its place. Men with the new rank will wear the single-stripe uniform of sub-lieutenants and will have officers' privileges.

The other services are not expected to follow suit in ending the warrant officer rank. The navy last year revised its ratings in a way which made its chief petty officers equivalent to warrant officers in the other services.

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Today's Sports Overnight Entries

Tropical Park

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs: Winter Thule 120, Mountain Lion 117, Squidge 114, Blue Gem 103, Roman John 108, Herizant 120, Geromero 108, Astoria Bay 113, Jap Furst 110, Bronze Medal 105, Jap Furst 110, Dive Bomber 107, Pelt Hui 113, Pionette 107, Penny Reward 117, Happy Pore 140.

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs: O Kelly 115, Eternal Star 109, O. Merchant 115, Contramaster 117, Maruca 108, Good Pan 104, Nene Zuma 111, Bay Pelly 109, Bull Man 112, Lande Bud 104, River Rider 116, Nettle Waver 119, Memmord 102, Bay Pelly 109, Great Khan 111, Nicosue 113.

THIRD RACE—Six furlongs: Burness 117, Opal Blonson 120, Delpark 115, Nettle Waver 119, Perfidious 103, Campaigner 120, Point 117, Quarter Roost 112, Not Me 99.

FOURTH RACE—Six furlongs: Sir Hal 108, Clean Broom 119, Thunder Jet 114, Armetta 116, Selente 114, Sweet Orphan 116, Sun Man 116, Netherby 119.

FIFTH RACE—Six furlongs: a-Buck Talk 107, High Shine 110, Gray Star 111, b-Mini O Morn 116, Yandeg 117, b-Justice 116, Galla Star 111, b-Entry 116, Master Bid 111, b-Spry 116.

SIXTH RACE—Six furlongs: Indus 103, Outland 111, Flashy Star 111, Merry Tiger 113, Alpha 108, Too Sunny 108, Mid Channel 111, Cedar 111.

SEVENTH RACE—Six furlongs: Heat an Two 115, War Story 113, Venturino 113, Indian Jewel 113, Stopped 115, My Blue 115.

EIGHTH RACE—Six furlongs: Kenmore Miss 110, Fighting Opper 108, Rosalyn 107, Sure Glider 110, Beach Boy 113, Merry Tiger 113, Why Cry 117, Ida A 111, Audie Mark 107, Ranchilla 113, Big Maddy 113, Crowned 110, Early Wilkie 113, My Blue 117.

First race, 10:30 a.m.

Results At Tropical

First Race—Black Mittens (Roberts) \$16.00 \$6.10 \$4.00, Wamago (Bachelier) 4.10 3.25, Scratched: Eran, Lucky Reward, Rube, Great Pub, Happy Pore.

Second Race—Pamilton (Howell) \$10.10 \$6.10 \$4.20, Jack's Reueet (Ludwig) 13.60 7.75, Alwin (Daid) 4.50, Daily Double—\$43.00, Scratched: Jam Up, Untouchable, Charm Town, Lady Harp.

Third Race—Clear Request (Boulmetis) \$7.00 \$4.80 \$2.40, Jervay Bence (Pollard) 23.60 11.00, Lulu Girl (Gerron) 4.20, Scratched: Blue Bar, Glenegale.

Fourth Race—p, Knight Out (McLaughlin) \$7.00 \$3.80 \$2.90, Wee Hal (Cudmore) 4.80 3.70, Blue Peders (Gross) 6.00, Scratched: Alie, Companion, Netherby, Precursor.

Fifth Race—Desmond (Boulmetis) \$11.70 \$5.50 \$4.70, One Rose (Roberts) 6.20 4.30, Royal Scudgery (Gerron) 4.50, Scratched: Wap Money, East Chon, Not Mr. Air Goods.

Sixth Race—Dinner Hour (Cudmore) \$6.70 \$3.50 \$2.70, Haggy Victor (Baird) 4.10 3.40, Bonito (Roberts) 3.00.

Seventh Race—Transfuent (Nelsson) \$12.10 \$11.80 \$5.90, Bobodora (Gomes) 8.20 6.90, Floating Bonimetta 4.50, Scratched: Justice.

Air Pure II (Gerron) \$9.80 \$6.50 \$4.50, Bold Rock (Jones) 11.30 6.70, Acheson (McLaughlin) 4.80, Scratched: Chagray, May Day, Reproduction.

Washington (BUP)—A syndicate of seven Bradford, Pennsylvania, businessmen have purchased 39 per cent of the voting stock of the Washington Senators Baseball Club, officials announced today.

Purchase price was not announced. Senators' owner Clark Griffith will retain control of the club. The syndicate promised full co-operation with Griffith in running the club which finished last in last year's pennant race.

Fairgrounds

FIRST RACE—Six furlongs: Pun Chum 118, Redwood Lass 119, Chassimale 115, Gray Twin 118, Mad Saint 113, Why Pay More 112, Maid 116, White's Boy 118, Burnale 111, Quad Lash 118, Ma. J. 118, Double Chit 118, Free Verse 113, Big Score 110, Snake 115, Lily Plover 118.

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs: Wier Struck 109, Fire-the-Mach 104, Watchful Eye 103, Golden Spain 109, Petrald 106, Lennie Boy 107, Betty A 107, Gray Legend 115, Invincible Chit 109, Sweet Hope 109, Ratter Tatter 109, Crystal Leaf 104, Four Bells 104, Joe's Star 109, Mad Me 113, Ping Shifter 107.

THIRD RACE—Six furlongs: Aalto 115, Black Tie 106, Gray Tiger 119, Miss Fluster 106, Hypothetical 110, Merry March 115, Betty's B First 101, Bull O 110, Rens Upstart 115, Perfected 113, Good Hoots 109, Ralaine Star 113.

FOURTH RACE—Six furlongs: Artless 109, Jodica 110, Ralaine Vixen 107, Town Man 118, Camouflage 118, Bold Star 103, Wm the Peace 110, Futch 110, Spotty 105.

FIFTH RACE—Six furlongs: Bonevina 116, Jimmy Gosh 116, Merry Wale 111, Fitch 107, Wish Egan 109, Cavellone 116, Lily Valenti 111, Little Flower 116.

SIXTH RACE—Six furlongs: Gray Chief 112, Asmire 106, Captain Joe 113, Grand Lee 107, Don Corcoran 112, Illustrate 109.

SEVENTH RACE—Six furlongs: Super Wolf 110, Pick 107, Black Bow 113, Roseborough 107, Big Celia 118, Grass Shuffler 107.

EIGHTH RACE—Six furlongs: Atomic City 106, Rotamal 117, Joe's Sun 111, Grandma G 101, Al White 109, Bull 111, Shasta-Turbin 120, Fearless Ken 117.

First race, 11:45 a.m.

Fairgrounds Results

First Race—Dusty (Madden) \$18.20 \$9.00 \$4.40, Colonel Jack (Helen) 40.30 24.00, Quick Cash (Keene) 40.30 24.00, Scratched: Queen, Judy, Bright Ar, Spode, Tascora, Bouque Fall, Ben, wed.

Second Race—Glory B (Claggett) \$6.40 \$4.00 \$2.50, Delice (Madden) 28.80 21.50, His Best (Lewist) 4.80, Daily Double—\$54.40, Scratched: Paul W, Burgo's Oat, Cherkaid, Old Bet, Flahiffier, Aristocrat.

Third Race—Spittire (Hooper) \$4.60 \$2.50 \$2.40, Hot's Pay (Dolter) 5.30 2.80, My Chris (Keene) 3.40, Lucky Al (Cudmore) 2.60.

Fourth Race—Hyting (Carroll) \$12.20 \$4.80 \$3.20, Lucky J (Glosson) 2.00 2.40, Dobby J (Keene) 2.60.

Fifth Race—Lucky Collins (Delhuys) \$3.00 \$2.80 \$2.80, Isle of War (Nichols) 18.30 4.00, Ticker Tape (Keene) 3.80.

Sixth Race—Can't Trust (Brooks) \$5.00 \$2.50 \$2.40, Jeanne H (Glosson) 3.60 2.40, Ticker Tape (Keene) 2.60.

Seventh Race—Deep Fen (Glosson) \$4.80 \$2.50 \$2.50, Set. Brown (Keene) 4.80 2.60, Dig Ditch (Wey) 1.20, Scratched: Dixie Dinah, Ariel, Pal, Slicks Girl, Easy Spell, Best Trick, War, Butler, Sure Girl.

Vote U.B.C. Into Baseball Schedule

TACOMA (CP)—Evergreen Conference officials voted here today to include the University of British Columbia in the loop's baseball schedule.

It will be the first time since the formation of the conference that a U.B.C. baseball team has been included.

At the same time, officials announced that track and tennis finals will be held May 19-20 at Vancouver.

RUSSIAN RILEY

OH, THAT'S MY LAMB! I CAN HEAR IT!



Bon Voyage
Following a simple wedding ceremony in a white-painted country church at Stuart, Fla., New York's Mayor William O'Dwyer and his bride, the former Miss Sloan Simpson, wave as they leave for a seven-day honeymoon cruise aboard the yacht Almar II.—(NEA Photo)

May Charge 250 Merchants Who Defied Closing By-Law

VANCOUVER (CP)—About 250 merchants may get summonses Friday for opening their stores in defiance of the Wednesday closing by-law.

While the stores did a brisk pre-Christmas trade Wednesday, police checked on the illegal opening and prepared names of employees and customers as potential witnesses.

Asst. City Prosecutor Stewart McMorran said today his office is studying police reports.

Decision on the prosecution of employees has not been made, he said. Customers will not be prosecuted, though charges of aiding and abetting a breach of the law might be possible, Mr. McMorran added.

He said summonses will be issued Friday if examination of the reports is completed. If not, they will be issued early next week.

Three Injured When Train Hits Truck

NELSON (CP)—Three provincial public works employees were rushed to hospital here today afternoon when a truck they were operating was hit by a freight train at a railway crossing 18 miles west of here.

In hospital are Charles Jeffs, foreman; John Lyons and Ernest Duford, all of Nelson. Jeffs and Lyons are understood to be seriously injured.

Police said the truck had stalled on the crossing at Tarrys just as an ore train en route to Trail came to the point. The men had no time to escape from the truck, which was flipped over on its side by the train.

Diphtheria Attacks B.C. Indian Band

EDMONTON (BUP)—An epidemic of diphtheria among an isolated band of Indians near Fort St. John, B.C., has claimed three lives and left 10 other natives bedridden, it was disclosed here today.

An R.C.A.F. plane returned to Edmonton after dropping a fresh supply of anti-toxin to an Indian Health Services nurse who was rushed to the aid of the band. The epidemic broke out at Halfway River, 75 miles north-west of Fort St. John.

Found Not Guilty

Jack Hansen, Cormorant Street, was found not guilty by Judge H. H. Shandley in County Court today of a charge of stealing a \$43 wrist watch, the property of Agnes Sawyer, an Indian woman. Hansen was defended by Alan Macfarlane.

Nickel Candy Bar May Be Coming Back

TORONTO (BUP)—The nickel candy bar may be coming back. Candy manufacturers said today the switch from the seven-cent candy bar to the nickel bar may be made by New Year.

But there's a catch. One official admitted the size of the bars may be reduced as well as the price.

Victorians Among Contingent Bound For New Zealand

Canada's first contingent to the 1950 British Empire Games was here this afternoon, bound for New Zealand.

Massed on the bow of R.M.S. Aorangi when she left Vancouver this morning, 36 athletes and officials, including three Victorians, waved goodbye to 200 watchers lining the pier rail for a last look while the band played "Beer Barrel Polka" and "Now is the Hour."

The Aorangi arrived at Victoria at 4 this afternoon and many Victorians were at the dock to see the athletes. The liner sails this evening for "down under."

The three Victorians with the contingent are Bruce Humber, track team coach; and Joan Morgan and Peter Salmon, swimmers.

"Now we know we have you behind us," Jack Davies of Montreal, general manager of the team, said in a last-minute farewell. "We'll do the best we can."

Clad in their fire-engine red blazers, the team marched to the pier in Vancouver from a downtown converging point over streets still slightly damp from a light early-morning rain.

Then, arriving at the dock, the team stood about while a band played and best wishes rang out from athletic and civic officials. Panama hats for all team members bore gay green, red and white bands, with matching ties for the boys.

"Best of luck," said Bob Osborne, president of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada.

"A great thrill, eh?" said an older champing impatiently on the sidelines. "Old Olympic runner myself 51 years ago and still in good shape, too."

Then he dashed forward and helped a team member adjust a coat over her shoulders.

"It has been splendid treatment we've received from Vancouver citizens," said Davies. "We'll do the best we can."

Believes Squad Better Balanced

Victoria's Bruce Humber said on the sidelines he believed his squad is better balanced than the Olympic team of last year.

"A better-dressed one, too," added Mrs. Billy MacKellar, team chaperone, returning to her native country on her first trip home since she left in 1931.

Then, as the team prepared to clear Vancouver customs, a few tears appeared, parent-wielded cameras clicked and hugs and handshakes went the rounds. There was a rush for vantage points on the railings overlooking the Aorangi and the band struck up again.

For some of the 30 athletes aboard—17 of them from Vancouver—it would be their first Christmas away from home. For some almost their first trip away.

G.I.'s In Berlin Told To Practise Street Fighting

BERLIN (AP)—All American troops in Berlin have been ordered to conduct manoeuvres in street fighting methods, it was learned today.

The first unit, 400 military police, engaged in a brisk manoeuvre this afternoon.

This was a problem based on the theory that about 2,000 Communists had seized the U.S. Army food commissary.

Fully armed and in battle dress, the military police rushed the commissary buildings in little knots under "protective fire" and the umpires decided the street rioters had been successfully ejected.

Experience in riot control has been ordered by Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, U.S. commander, the primary tactical mission any troops in Berlin could be expected to encounter. The constabulary and the infantry have similar exercises planned.

100 Ships Hunting Antarctic For Whales

LONDON (AP)—The Antarctic whaling season opened today with more than 100 ships of six countries hunting for 16,000 blue whales—the limit established for this year by the International Whaling Convention. The season will end April 7.

The whalers are from Britain, South Africa, Norway, Russia, Japan and the Netherlands.

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ANACONDA	8 1/2
Anglo-Canadian	475 400
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Commonwealth	18 1/2
C. and E. Corp.	825 840
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Central Ledge	136 137
Commonwealth	100 102
Dalhousie	44 46
East Ledge	34 30
Footbridge	62 64
Globe Oil	18 1/2
Hargal	12 1/2
Highland Saxon	13 1/2
Hillside	13 1/2
Ledco West	10 11
McDougal Segur	10 11
Mercury	175 179
Obala	430 435
Pacific Petroleum	175 200
Royal Canadian	20 22
Sunoco	24 26
Sunoco	45 48
Superior	48 50
Vancouver	905 900
ROYALTY	
Bayonne Cons.	2 1/2
Brilliant	8 1/2
Bridge River Cons.	5 1/2
B.R.K. (1949)	5 1/2
Canara Cons.	135 140
Caribou Gold	4 1/2
Congress	18 1/2
George Copper	21 1/2
Goulds	21 1/2
Grandview	21 1/2
Grill-Whitaker	28 32
Hedley Massey	55 60
Highland Belle	55 60
Inland Mountain	14 15 1/2
Pacific Nickel	14 15 1/2
Pend Oreille	215 220
Pioneer Gold	14 1/2
Premier Border	14 1/2
Privatizer	14 1/2
Quintana Copper	225 230
Reverend McDonald	225 230
Reno Gold	115 120
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Sitka Premier	39 41
Silver Ridge	39 41
Taylor Bridge	39 41
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Vananda	39 41
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INDUSTRIALS	
B.C. Forest Products	275 300
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Burrard Drydock A	725
Canadian Western Lumber	300 310
Capital Estates	3350 1600
Coastal Resources	900 910
H. R. MacMillan A	900 910
Do. B	900 910
Pacific Corp	475 480
Powell River	4250 4275
Reno-Parkland	1275 1285
Westminster Paper A	850 900
Do. B	325